**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 1982-2021**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 17-2021 dated 27 August 2021:**

**“Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

 (1). Whether he will confirm that there are council members who are on the approved but not announced list for relief funding as the acting chairperson of the National Arts Council (NAC) said in a Facebook Zoom meeting on 3 March 2021; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) who approved the relief funding and (b) what is the name of each council member who applied;

(2). (a) on what basis did the council members apply for relief funding, (b) for what amount did each member apply and (c) what is the total amount that was approved for the council members;

(3). whether council members are remunerated for their service to the NAC, if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the remuneration? **NW2215E**

**REPLY**

1. There was no Facebook meeting held on the 3 March 2021 involving any the Chairperson or any Member of Council . The NAC held two weekly Industry briefings on the 24th February and the 5th March 2021 respectively during the period mentioned.
2. Yes, there are Arts and Culture Industry practitioners who serve on the NAC Council whom are employed by organisations that applied for PESP funding **prior** to their appointment to Council.

(1).

1. All PESP applications were adjudicated by independent panel of experts prior to the commencement of the term of this Council before the 30 December 2020. The New Council commenced on the 1st January 2021 and found all respective applications already adjudicated and approved by the adjudication panels.
2. A list of the organizations that applied that employ the Council Members is attached below (\*Please note that no member applied in their personal capacity\*):

| **Project Number**  | **Organisation name and Project Name**  | **Lead Applicant name**  | **Amount Applied for**  | **Amount Approved /Declined** | **Declaration of Interest Received** |
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|  | BAT Centre Trust - Open Call  | Nontsikelelo Ngqakayi  | R 275 000 | Not funded. Second application | YES |
|  | Federation of Community Arts Centre KZN | Samukelisiwe Dlamini  | R 1 941 076  | Declined | YES |
|  | Zikmo Consultants – Kapa Bokone Music and Cultural Festival  | Zikie Molusi  | R 4 350 000 | Application withdrawn. (Council Member did not declare his interest) | Not Received, Council Member did not declare his application during 5 meetings he Chaired, which led to the Council suspending him and referring his matter to the Ministers office |
|  | Durban Music School – Skills development Programme  | Kim Mathews  | R 608 000 | R414 010,00  | YES |
|  | Durban Music School – Ignite a Flame  | Kim Mathews  | R 995 000 | R 174 320  | YES |
|  | Cape Town Opera -Monteverdi Vespers  | Jade Lewis  | R 500 000  | R 500 000  | YES |
|  | Cape Town Opera – Singing for sustainability  | Lize Coetzer  | R 496 000 | R337 745,00  | YES |
|  | BAT Centre Trust - Open Call  | Nontsikelelo Ngqakayi  | R 400 780 | R151 780,17  | YES |
|  | Afrocentric Talent Agency (Pty) Ltd – Giya M’aFrika Giya  | Dr Sipho Sithole  | R 3 518 828  |  R 1 089 500  | YES |
|  | BAT Centre Trust – 2021 Project Plan  | Xolani Sithole  | R 3 000 000 |  R 435 800  | YES |
|  | Federation of Community Arts Centre KZN | Samukelisiwe Dlamini  | R 1 941 076  | Declined | YES |

(2) (a) i. Members of Council organizations applied on the basis of a funding call for PESP which was advertised on the 30 October 2020. Long before their appointment to serve on NAC Council was confirmed.

ii. The funding guidelines were broadly advertised on various media platforms, consultative processes done via zoom sessions and on the Grant Management System (GMS). The call was open to both individuals and formally registered organizations, institutions and groups active within the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector for the purposes of job retention wage subsidies in Stream 1 and for the creation of new work opportunities in Stream 2.

iii. In addition, the PESP is an initiative of government that is meant to benefit ALL South Africans by creating and/or retaining work opportunities to all practitioners in the sector that have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Their applications were adjudicated prior to their commencement to serve on NAC Council.

(b) Please refer to the table for how much each organisation applied for.

(c ) The total amount recommended for approval for the organisations that employ Council Members affected is R3,103155, 17.

(3). Council members are remunerated as per Treasury Guidelines. They are not paid a salary but receive an honorarium per sitting, preparation and are reimbursed for any costs incurred while undertaking any other approved work on behalf Council. The honoraria is paid as follows:

Chairperson – R 3 888 for sitting fee and R 3 888 for preparation fee;

Vice Chairperson – R 3 738 for sitting fee and R 3 738 for preparation fee and Members - R 2 382 for sitting fee and R 2 382 for preparation fee.