**National Assembly.**

**QUESTION No. 226-2021**

**FOR WRITTE REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.1-2021, DATE OF PUBLICATION 11 FEBRUARY 2021:**

**Mr TW Mhlongo (DA): TO ASK THE MINISTER OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE:**

**(1)** Whether with reference to his department’s first phase and second phase relief funding; his department conducted an audit of the R150 million relief funding; if not why not; if so what are the relevant details,

(2)      a) who was appointed to audit the relief fund books, (b) what was the reasons that his department did not appoint an independent audit company, (c) what total amount was given to the sports trust to administer on behalf of his department and (d) has he found the appointments of the sports trust to be fair;

(3)      whether all the relevant procedures, processes and regulations in appointing the sports trust were followed; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so what are the terms of reference of the trust?                         **NW 229E**

**REPLY**

1. So far, only the first phase has been audited. The rollout of the entire R150 million has not been concluded and it is expected that the next phases will also be audited when concluded.

2. (a) The Audit was conducted by both Internal Audit of DSAC and the Auditor General. Both audit outcome reports have been issued to the accounting officer of the department.

              (b)  The department was content with the Auditor General process, who is

  independent from the Department.

(c). The total amount transferred to the Sport Trust for Relief Funding is         R9.4m as per National Treasury approval.

(d).  Yes, there has not been any indication that the appointment of the Sports Trust was in anyway unfair. The Sports Trust is a Non-Profit Organization   that partners the Department on the delivery of sport and recreation initiatives and has proven to be efficient and effective.

3.        Yes, the relevant procedures, processes and regulations were followed.            Before appointing the Sports Trust to assist in managing payments to the beneficiaries, the Department obtained approval from the National Treasury.