**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**‘Mrs Msane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

What (a) role does his department have in the process of accrediting basketball coaches, (b) is the Basketball Association of South Africa doing to develop and accredit basketball coaches in the Republic and (c)(i) total number of black coaches are currently accredited and/or are affiliated with the Basketball Association of South Africa and (ii) areas are the basketball coaches from? NW2840E

**REPLY**

(a). The Department supports the Federation by providing Basketball South Africa with Financial Support for capacity building programs towards training of coaches programs across the country through our Provincial Associations working with Provincial Departments.

(b). Basketball SA indicated that the Federation has National and Provincial Accredited Facilitators from Basketball's world governing body, Federation of International Basketball (FIBA) to train and accredit coaches who are ready for all Level 1 up to an International coaching license. Basketball South Africa through its National Coaching Commission trains coaches at district and provincial levels with the assistance of Provincial Department of Sport Arts and Culture. During the Lockdown, FIBA organised virtual coaching sessions and at least 50 of the coaches both Men and Women had an opportunity to participate in these sessions. In this capacity building program of coaches, schoolsport coaches are also provided with an opportunity to be trained.

c)(i) Basketball SA further indicated that there are 350 trained black coaches currently involved in active coaching of clubs, schools and universities. (ii) The coaches are situated in all nine provinces including previously disadvantaged communities, coaching clubs, schools and universities.