**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2274-2021**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 23 –2021, DATE OF PUBLICATION 5 NOVEMBER 2021:**

**Mrs V Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture;**

1. (a) What processes were followed to procure services for the elective conference and (b) which service providers were picked out of those who presented quotations;

 (2) whether his department, as the main and interested stakeholder, participated during the conference to monitor the proceedings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) how will his department’s approach differ towards the SA Music Industry Council as opposed to the Creative Industries Federation of South Africa (CCIFSA) that has not been funded, including the service providers for the policy conference held in December last year in Durban, who have not been paid;

(4) what was the reason that CCIFSA did not participate at an important conference, seeing that the interests of one of its sub-sectors, the Performance Sector, have been endorsed by his department? **NW2597E**

**REPLY**:

1.(a). The support that was granted to SAMIC was done through a transfer of funds subsequent to entering into an MOA with the organisation having conceded to their proposal for assistance.

(b). No service provider was picked as there was no service

 solicited by the Department.

1. Once a project is funded, it is the beneficiary’s responsibility to implement it according to the terms set in the proposal and the MOA. The Department does not in all instances participate in the beneficiaries events/activities.
2. The Department transfers funds to beneficiaries who in turn enter into agreements with third parties or service providers. Intervention by the Department where there are disputes is not a requirement. Where there are merits to mediate between beneficiaries and third parties, attempts are made by the Department to broker workable and lawful solutions.
3. SAMIC was responsible to determining invitees, participants and desired outcomes of the elective conference for its members. The Department is not aware of the specifics of who should or should not have been there and the desired roles for each as it was not the one implementing the conference.