**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 2304-2020**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Ms V Van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture”**:

1. With reference to his department’s partnership with the Department of Small Business Development and the established panel to distribute funding, (a) what reasons has he found deemed it necessary to appoint yet another panel and (b) at what cost total cost will the additional panel be appointed;
2. What are the names of the companies that will benefit from the R22 million that will be ring-fenced;
3. Whether he will furnish the Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and culture with (a) a list of all specified successful companies and (b) the criteria applicable to ascertain why the ring-fencing of the R22 million was done before the Memorandum of Understanding had been reached; if not why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

**REPLY:**

(1.a) Both Departments went through a consultation process with sector organisations and to provide them with the opportunity to nominate panel members specifically for the targeted sub-sectors. The Department of Small Business Development and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, working with each of the nine provinces, have set up adjudication panels comprising of representatives from the following entities/organizations in each province:-

* + A representative from the province’s craft hub or development agency
  + A representative from the Visual Arts Network of South Africa (VANSA)
  + A representative from the South African Screen Federation (SASFED)
  + A representative from the Creative & Cultural Federation of South Africa (CCIFSA)

The Department of Small Business Development and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, together with the provincial Departments’ of Art and Culture, as well as Economic Development will provide over-sight and support to the above Provincial based adjudication panel.

1. (b) The Department uses Treasury Guidelines for remuneration of committees, which is R327.00 per hour for committee members and R570 for chairpersons of committees. In this case the total amount to be spent will depend of actual number of committee members and the number of hours they spend adjudicating received applications/requests.

2. The names of the companies that will benefit from the R22 282 000.will be known once the adjudication panels in each of the Provinces have sat to evaluate received application/requests.

3. (a) Yes; upon request.

3(b) Processes related to approval of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture contribution to the R 22 282 000. from National Treasury and the signing of the MoA were done parallel to each other.