**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 24**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 01 –2021, DATE OF PUBLICATION 10 FEBRUARY 2022:**

**“Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:”**

Whether his department has the capacity to ensure compulsory sports participation at schools in townships and rural areas; if not, what is needed for this to be realised; if so, what are the relevant details? NW28E

**Reply**

School Sport remains an extra-curricular activity within the Department of Basic Education. This implies that, it remains an option to accommodate within the school’s programme, when all other core-curricular activities have been addressed. To this end, only Physical Education, through the Life Orientation Subject, remains a compulsory subject within the school’s curriculum. The implementation and the enforcement of the curriculum remain the function of the Department of Basic Education and as the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, we co-operate in the implementation of School Sport through the Memorundam of Agreement. The Minister therefore, cannot make, anything compulsory to the Department of Basic Education.