**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3319 - 2022**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**“Mr. D Joseph (DA) To Ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

1(a). What percentage of the budget of the SA Institute for Drug-Free Sport was spent on education related to anti-doping in the 2021-22 financial year, (b) which sporting codes received the most attention, and (c) what type of educational programmes are used to prevent the use of prohibited substances.

2(a). from what age and/or stages in sporting codes do anti-doping start and (b) what is the motivation for such early intervention? **NW4124E**

**REPLY**

1(a). The South African Institute for Drug–Free Sport (SAIDS) in their response indicated that (a) Due to COVID restrictions and the increased use of webinars, only 2% of the budget was spent on education in 2021/22 years. Generally, expenditure on education is in the region of 10% and expenditure has been further supplemented by a Lottery Grant over the past five years.

(b). Rugby received the most attention pertaining to anti-doping education.

(c). The intervention is in the form of webinars, workshops, and outreach at tournaments.

2(a). With the co-operations of schools and national sports federations, SAIDS has delivered anti-doping talks and outreach to as young as Grade 8 level.

(b). Some sports codes have young athletes that participate at an elevated level (provincial/national) at an early age. Sports such as swimming, gymnastics, and track & field receive anti-doping education services at an earlier age.