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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture**

(a) By what date will provisions be made for local platforms such as radio, television and museums through which artists will be able to express their craft within their communities and improve tourism and

(b) how will his department discourage artists from migrating to Johannesburg in order to build their profile? **NW4251E**

**REPLY**

(a). In as far as the craft sector is concerned the Department is looking to set up a permanent national exhibition, the Beautiful Things Exhibition (BTE), alongside an outlet for transactions, in City of Tshwane to provide craft practitioners from all parts of the country with an opportunity to showcase and derive economic benefit from their products by February of 2023. The last edition of BTE was at the Graskop Gorge in March of 2022, and now the Department intends to set this up as a permanent exhibition to provide a national platform for crafters.

In as far as performing arts are concerned the Department is engaged in consultative discussion with previously marginalized Provinces: **(i)** Northern Cape – Northern Cape Theatre was refurbished by DSAC and launched on 15 December 2021, **(ii)** Limpopo - Limpopo Theatre site has been identified, design approved and the Mpumalanga Theatre Feasibility Study Report has been submitted, **(iv)** Eastern Cape - Mandela Bay Theatre Complex was launched in May 2021 to establish creative spaces (provincial theatres). The intention is to retain talents within local spaces in these Provinces through the provision of theatres for development and promotion of local talents.

(b). The intention is to provide an opportunity for participation to craft producers without them seeing the need to migrate to the cities to build their profile. Furthermore, the Department, working with the Department of Small Business Development and other strategic partners collaborate better to support targeted market access platforms.