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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”

With reference to the R9 million that his department allocated to the nine provinces to encourage the implementation of the Africa Month and related projects, (a) what amount was allocated to each province and (b) how were the monies spent?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a). My department allocated a budget of R1 million to each of the 9 Provinces for the 2016 Africa Month celebrations. This was based on the fact that they will each submit their costs/expenditure for the Africa Month programme after the events/celebrations. However, only three (3) Provinces responded to this commitment by DAC, namely, Eastern Cape, Free State and Limpopo.

 (b). the monies were spent as follows by the three Provinces:-

**Eastern Cape**

 The DAC had already concluded a collaboration to host a Carnival- Parade for 2016 Africa Month with a total budget of R1, 5m in the province. Following a decision to make the Carnival-Parade as one of the opening events for Africa Month, their R1 million allocations was added to the already planned budget for Carnival-Parade, hence their budget increased to R2, 5m. The Carnival-Parade was a closing event for the Africa Month

**Free State**

 Hosted Africa Day Literature Dialogue, Africa Day Memorial Lecture and the main event of Africa Day Celebrations. 15 African Countries were invited to be part of the Africa Day Celebrations programme. Performances included; Dance, Poetry, Marimba, Live Bands, Traditional Songs by African

 Nationals together with the South African band which was a musical production consisting of 60 members from the 15 African Countries’.

 The R1 million to Free State Province is still pending due to dispute as FS did not comply with the time frames and the business plan was not sent to DAC timeously. The claim was made ex-post facto.

**Limpopo**

Hosted a vibrant Africa Day Celebrations in Ga-Seleka, in the Waterberg district from 23-25 May 2016. The R1 million was used for diverse activities which included a formal programme with (speeches, craft exhibitions, fashion show, traditional food, songs, dances by groups from other African countries such as Botswana and Zimbabwe).

To date only R3 million was therefore transferred to the three compliant Provinces.

 We are still awaiting expenditure reports from the other six Provinces: - Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West, and Western Cape, and as a result, no transfer of money was made to them.