**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3887 - 2022**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

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“**Inkosi BN Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture**

(1). Whether his department has contributed to any of the various National Arts and Jazz festivals in the Republic post Covid-19, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? **NW4845E**

**REPLY**:

(1). Yes, the Department supported various National Arts and Jazz festivals post the Covid-19 pandemic that includes amongst others the following events: The National Arts Festival, The Joy of Jazz, We Can Arts Festival, Buyel 'Khaya Pan African Festival, Ebubeleni Music Festival, and Moretele Tribute Concert.

The supported projects have since played a role in re-igniting the economic activities of the Cultural and Creative sector which was severely affected by the restriction brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.