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**“Mrs. V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture**

What more can and will he and the sa sports confederation and olympic committee do to motivate and support south african athletes?

**Reply**

It is now an established norm that the department and its partners, that is the South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee, and the National Lotteries Board provide incentives for the athletes who bring back medals from major international multi-coded events such as the Olympics and Paralympics where resources allow. Working with SASCOC the department will ensure that there is a clear policy or guidelines on the incentives programme. This will have to be announced in advance in order to ensure that the athletes are truly incentivized. In addition to incentives SASCOC will revive and expand the OPEX programme in order to ensure that potential medallists are provided with holistic support, e.g. scientific, nutritional, etc.