**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 591-2020**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO: 011-2020, DATE OF PUBLICATION 17-04- 2020: “Mr BS Madlingozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”**

(a) By what date will the money, that was committed for artists whose events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, be released and (b) what criteria will be used to determine who qualifies for the relief? (**NW782E**)

**REPLY:**

The Department appointed an independent 15 member COVID-19 Adjudication Panel. The panel is responsible for making recommendations on the distribution of relief funds to Arts, Culture and Heritage organizations and individuals excluding the DSAC public entities as stated in the Treasury regulations.

The Adjudication Panel was officially appointed on the 17th April and commenced the adjudication process on Tuesday 21st April 2020.

To expedite the process, the Department has also availed eleven Departmental staff members to provide administrative support to the adjudicators.

A criteria for application was announced to the public during the open call for Relief Fund requests and the adjudicators will use the criteria as a basis for assessment which includes the following:

* Quality of the Proposal,
* Value for Money,
* Nobility,
* Sustainability of the Project,
* Positive Legacy of project supported