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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms P T van Damme (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

(1) Whether (a) her department and (b) any entities reporting to her sponsored any organisations in the (i) 2014-15 and (ii) 2015-16 financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (aa) which organisations were sponsored, (bb) by what amount and (cc) what were the activities sponsored in each case in each of the specified financial years; (2) whether (a) her department and (b) any entities reporting to her intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2016-17 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) which organisations will be sponsored, (ii) by what amount and (iii) what activities will be sponsored in the specified financial year? NW812E

**REPLY: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

(1)(a)The Department has not sponsored any organisations in the 2015-16 financial year, and was yet to be established in the 2014-15 financial year.

(1)(b) **Brand SA** has not sponsored any organisations in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years.

**FPB** has not sponsored any organisations in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years and will enter into partnerships with various institutions to save costs and for marketing benefits. The said partnerships are herein attached as Annexure A.

**MDDA** has sponsored the MTN Radio Awards 2015 to an amount of R 78 300 ex Vat. The sponsorship was for an Award category and was in support of the recognition given to the community radio stations by the Awards. As a partnership between the MDDA and MTN, the MDDA branding was incorporated in the promotion of the Awards.

**ICASA** has not sponsored any organisations in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years.

**SABC**

1(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(aa) 2014/15 - Writers Guild of South Africa.

2015/16 - Writers Guild of South Africa (Muse Awards).

(bb) 2014/15 - Writers Guild of South Africa: R37 000.

2015/16 - Writers Guild of South Africa (Muse Awards): R50 000.

(cc) 2014/15 - 15 Previously disadvantaged youth with the creative writing flair got an opportunity to attend a two day workshop where they had an opportunity to have one-on-one sessions with Andrew Welsh who assisted them with turning their ideas into tangible concepts. They also received course materials which they could use for future idea development.

2015/16 – Support of the local independent production industry. The annual awards celebrate South African drama writers.

(2)(a) The Department does not intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2016- 17 financial year due to budgetary constraints.

(1)(b) **Brand SA** does not intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2016-17 financial year.

**FPB** does not intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2016-17 financial year.

**MDDA** does not intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2015-2016 financial year. Sponsorships are only considered where they will directly benefit community media and encourage media diversity and the MDDA does not anticipate that approaches for sponsorship that meet these criteria will materialise.

**ICASA** does not intend to sponsor any organisations in the 2016-17 financial year.

**SABC** intends to sponsor the Durban International Film Festival & Durban Film Mart in the 2016-17 financial year.

**MR NN MUNZHELELE**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL [ACTING]**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**

**MS AF MUTHAMBI (MP)**

**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DATE:**