**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION NO.731-2019**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:**

(1) Whether the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) has a selection policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) Whether it is his department or SASCOC that is responsible for funding the participation of Team SA at the African Games that are scheduled to take place in Morocco from 16 to 31 August 2019;

(3) What amount was (a) allocated to SASCOC for Team SA to participate in the African Games and (b) requested by SASCOC in this regard? NW1776E

**REPLY**

* 1. The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) does have a selection policy. It has a General Eligibility and Selection Criteria which was ratified by the SASCOC General Assembly on 9 June 2018.

1. The Department makes direct payment to African Games Organizing Committee (COJAR) for participation fees and allocates an annual allocation to SASCOC part of which is to cover costs towards the African Games.
2. The total amount of R10,963,000 is allocated to SASCOC for the 2019/2020 financial year. This amount is not earmarked for African Games nor split per project. It is SASCOC that determines the split of the amount based on their priorities as per their business plan.
3. There was no specific amount requested by SASCOC for the African Games except that SASCOC indicated that the estimated cost for the African Games was R20,000,000.