**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 869-2019**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) Whether professional scouts are involved in the Rural Sport Development Programme;

 (2) what number of talented young persons participating in the specified programme, who have been scouted and nurtured, are currently playing at a professional level nationally or internationally since the inception of the Rural Sport Development Programme in 2016;

(3) how is the mandate of the Rural Sport Development Programme different than that of the provincial sport federation?

**REPLY**

 (i) Yes. There are professional scouts involved in the Rural Sport Development Programme. They are provided by the Provincial Federations.

(i) A total number of **58 talented young persons** have been scouted and nurtured since 2016.

(ii) Below is the information on the level of participation of the talented athletes;

**EASTERN CAPE**

1. Two Boys and 1 Girl were scouted for Athletics in the 2017 National Rural Sport Championships
2. Four Netball Girls were scouted by Netball South Africa at National Rural Sport Games in 2017

**FREE STATE**

1. Victor Mlangeni was signed by Mamelodi Sundowns School of excellence trough football trials
2. Twelve football players scouted and attended trials hosted by SAFA School of Excellence
3. Eight Athletes were scouted and attended Free State Athletics Championships
4. Lerato Tshabala Athletics participant was scouted in the Free State Athletics Championships and qualified for National Championships in 1500m

**GAUTENG**

1. The Football Team from Magaliesburg has been promoted to Sasol League. It should be noted that the Programme in Gauteng has two Traditional Council and three farming communities.

**KWA ZULU NATAL**

1. The following athletes from Maphumulo Traditional Council, Mongezi Langa (100m and 200m in athletics), Olwethu Manana (400m in athletics) have progressed to participate in the South African Championships. Candice Khumalo (400m in athletics) has progressed to participate at the Provincial Athletics competitions.
2. Mfundo Mchunu from the Maphumulo Traditional Council has signed with Wits Academy.
3. Sambulo Nxumalo and Sandiso Mchunu were selected for provincial U15 Rugby. They are both from Mnqobokazi Traditional Council.
4. Nelisiwe Madonsela and Lindokuhle Chonco have progressed to participate at the Provincial Schools Athletics Championships. They are from Ama Swati Traditional Council.
5. Onelihle Mkhize has progressed to participate at National Schools Championships. She is from Kwa Xolo Traditional Council.

**NORTHERN CAPE**

1. Three Boys football players were scouted for Schools of excellence in Gauteng

**MPUMALANGA**

1. One player is now part of the Rugby Pumas Club

**NORTH WEST**

1. Two Boys football players have been scouted and joined Florida Academy in Gauteng

(i) The Rural Sport Development Programme is a development programme conceptualized and implemented in conjunction with the National Federations and the Provincial Federations as well as other key stakeholders such as the Provincial Departments, National House of Traditional Leaders, Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders.