**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 875 -2019**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) With regard to the 2019 All Africa Games, (a) on what date did the soccer team (i) depart for Morocco and (ii) pay the registration fee and (b) who paid the registration fees;

(2) whether there was a specific resolution regarding not covering any costs related to the alleged irregular entrance of the SA Football Association (SAFA) in the All Africa Games; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) what were the total costs of (a) participation, (b) accommodation, (c) travel and (d) other logistics for (i) SASCOC and (ii) SAFA?

**REPLY**

(1) The reply from SASCOC indicated that SASCOC is unclear as to (a) on what date the soccer team (i) departed for Morocco (ii) paid registration fees and (b) who paid the registration fees.

(2) The reply provided by SASCOC to this question is that there was no specific resolution. They indicated that; given that SASCOC, per its agreed to selection criteria, did not permit SAFA to attend the African Games 2019, no costs were paid by SASCOC.

(3) The reply from SASCOC indicates that there were costs for (a) participation (b) accommodation (c) travel (d) other logistics for (i) SASCOC, the costs of which have not yet been finalised. They will host a debrief meeting on 26 September 2019, after which the actual costs will be known.

 (ii) Despite requests for information sent to SAFA and follow up reminders the only response received is that they are still in the process of finalising the overall accounts of participation, and that “**all funds used were that of SAFA’s exclusively”**.