**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 904**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO: 16-2020, DATE OF PUBLICATION 19-05- 2020: “Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture”**

What criteria or formula did his department use to determine that a blanket amount of R20 000 would be paid out to each artist and athlete who successfully applied for funding from the Covid-19 Sports, Arts and Culture Relief Fund? **NW1190E**

**REPLY:**

The Department emphasised that this was relief funding. Loss of income varies from individuals/company to individuals/companies and the need for equitable distribution within the sector was necessary. The Department resolved that R20 000.00 will be a ceiling across the board as an appropriate amount based on available budget as this is relief and not compensation, and need to assist as many athletes and creatives as possible.