**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 927-2021**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 09-2021 dated 19 March 2021:**

**“Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture :**

(Given that his department donated funds for COVID-19 relief where applicants were promised to receive three payments of R2 200 over three months, totalling an amount of R6 600, what (a) total amount was made available for the COVID-19 Relief Fund by his department, (b)(i) were the dates for applications and (ii) number of applicants applied and (c) are the (i) names of the beneficiaries, (ii) dates of application for the funding and (iii) relevant details of the payments made in each case? **NW1094E**

**REPLY**

The R6 600 was applicable in the 2ND Wave of Covid-19 Relief funding cycle and was never broken down over three months.

1. Total amount made available was R20 million split equally between BASA and NAC.
2. (i) The applications opened on 17 August 2020 and closed on 11th September 2020.
3. 2809 applications were received.
4. (i) See attached list

(ii) All applicants applied within the window period of 17 August 2020 to 11th September 2020.

1. So far, 582 approved applicants were each paid R6 600.

 