**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 928-2021**

**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 :**

(a) What will happen to artists who apply for the R6 600 funding when their applications are not successful, (b) will they qualify for the Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme which has a R350 million budget and (c) where can artists check to see if their applications were successful or not? **NW1095E**

**REPLY**

(a). The R6 600 was applicable to the 2nd Wave of relief funding. Unsuccessful applicants get informed accordingly, however, there was subsequently a 3rd Wave relief funding cycle to which the same artists were not prohibited from applying.

(b). The Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme is focused on job creation opportunities as well as job retention as opposed to the individual requests that were applicable to the relief of R 6 600 of the second wave. Any artist’s formations and organisations were allowed, in accordance with the prescribed criteria, to apply for the (PESP)

(c). The 2nd Wave was administered through the NAC and BASA and each entity provided responses to the applicants and where there were enquiries for the R6 600, there was a contact person and details for BASA sipho@basa.co.za and 066 314 3374 whilst at NAC it was Dsacrelief@nac.org.za