**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 991-2021**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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“Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:

With reference to his reply to question 1531 on 29 July 2020, what is the (a) name of each athlete in the Operational Excellence Courses Programme of his department and (b) average monthly amount paid to an athlete for participating in the specified programme? **NW1159E**

**REPLY**

1. and b) The South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee provided the following information;

The OPEX programme ended in November 2019 after the last World Championships. Below is a list of the athletes that benefited for the 2019 season, the athlete allocations were between R75000-00 to R300000-00 for a 10 month period. We have not had an OPEX programme operating in 2020.

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| **OLYMPIC OPEX ALLOCATION 2019** |   |
| **Athlete Name**  | **Sport**  |
| Wayde van Niekerk | Athletics |
| Caster Semenya | Athletics |
| Luvo Manyonga | Athletics |
| Akani Simbine | Athletics |
| Ruswahl Samaai | Athletics |
| Chad le Clos | Swimming |
| Ashleigh Pasio | Cycling |
| Henri Schoeman | Triathlon |
| Richard Murray | Triathlon |
| Kirsten Mcann | Rowing |
| Alan Hatherly | Cycling |
| John Smith | Rowing |
| Lawrence Brittain | Rowing |
| David Hunt | Rowing |
| Jake Green | Rowing |
| Tatjana Schoenmaker | Swimming |
| Mona Pretorius | Weightlifting |
| Sunette Viljoen | Athletics |
| Lebogang Shange | Athletics |
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| **PARALYMPIC OPEX ALLOCATION 2019** |  |
| **Athlete Name**  | **Sport**  |
| Anrune Liebenberg | Para Athletics |
| Charl du Toit | Para Athletics |
| Dyan Buis | Para Athletics |
| Jonathan Ntutu | Para Athletics |
| Reinhardt Hamman | Para Athletics |
| Tyrone Pillay | Para Athletics |
| Zanele Situ | Para Athletics |
| Hilton Langenhoven | Para Athletics |
| Louzanne Coetzee | Para Athletics |
| Nompumelelo Mhlongo | Para Athletics |
| Union Sekailwe | Para Athletics |
| Hendri Herbst | Para Swimmig |
| Khothatso Montjane | Wheelchair Tennis |
| Lucas Sithole | Wheelchair Tennis |
| Liezel Gouws | Para Athletics |
| Ernst van Dyk | Para Athletics |
| Johanna Pretorius | Para Athletics |
| Pieter du Preez | Para Cycling |
| Christiaan Sadie | Para Swimming |
| Hendrik van der Merwe | Para Swimming |
| Gert van Heerden | Para Swimming |
| Theo Cogill | Para Table Tennis |
| Goldy Fuchs | Para Cycling |