

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1121

Mrs H S Msweli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) What programmes does her department have in place for each of her department's funding programmes for cultural organizations to inform the public, especially the rural communities, about these programmes;**
- (2) Whether her department is assisting those who want to access funding by providing them with relevant skills training; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?**

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REPLY:

- (1) The Investing in Culture (IIC) programme was adopted in 2005 and was previously known as poverty alleviation. The IIC programme provides empowerment opportunities for unemployed people from the second economy through training & job creation in arts, culture and heritage. The priorities thereof are to support the previously disadvantaged groups of which 60% ought to be women, 30% youth and 2% people with disabilities. A call for proposals to receive funding was made through various printed media and the community radio stations.
- (2) Those who have qualified for funding were assisted with sector specific skills training. MAPPSETA was the service provider appointed to conduct the training.