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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 255**

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**Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With reference to the State of the Nation Address delivered by the President of the Republic, Mr Jacob G Zuma, on 9 February 2017, in which it was stated that the Government has reprioritised R32 billion within the Government baselines to support higher education, what items within his department was the R32 billion allocated to?

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**REPLY:**

The amount of R32 billion announced by the President, which was reprioritised within the Government baselines to support higher education, has been allocated as follows:

* The provision of the zero percent student fee increase for the 2016 academic year and the carry-through cost thereof (R8.013 billion);
* The allocation for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for outstanding student debt (R8.256 billion);
* NSFAS unfunded students from the 2016 academic year (R5.324 billion); and
* The provision of the zero percent student fee increase for the 2017 academic year and the carry-through cost thereof (R10.381 billion).

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