**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2924**

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**Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

1. With reference to his reply to question 2463 on 5 September 2017, what is the total amount that students owe to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme according to each institution of higher education?

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**REPLY:**

1. In Question 2463 on 5 September 2017, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) provided the following information in respect to current debt:

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| **CATEGORY** | **AMOUNT OUTSTANDING** |
| Graduates | R6,148 billion |
| Drop-outs | R4,002 billion |
| **Total** | **R10,150 billion** |

In response to the follow-up Question 2870 on 15 September 2017, NSFAS further detailed the breakdown of the R 6, 48 billion, as follows:

* The total number of graduates whose debt amounts to R6,148 billion is 166 724;
* 30% of the debt has been repayable for less than 3 years, 63% has been repayable for more than 3 years, and 7% is not yet due and payable;
* It was noted that NSFAS only writes off debtors when they are deceased or disenabled, and that due to the nature of the loan book, NSFAS is not able to determine when debt is prescribed. This is undertaken on a case-by-case basis.

Both these Questions referred to a subset of the active loans on NSFAS’ loan management system. Active loans are differentiated by those that are current debt   
(due and repayable) and those which are not current (students are still studying or have not yet started earning an income higher than the threshold for repayment).

For the full set of active and current debt as at 10 October 2017, the current balance due to NSFAS amounting to **R10, 039 billion** per institution is below:

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| **UNIVERSITY** | **AMOUNT** |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | R506 717 092,73 |
| Durban University of Technology | R488 366 444,14 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | R275 947 767,08 |
| National Institute for HE-Northern Cape | R993 346,86 |
| Nelson Mandela University | R344 621 154,85 |
| North-West University | R304 780 110,55 |
| Rhodes University | R131 801 119,37 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Science University | R9 056 835,34 |
| Sol Plaatje University | R1 083 318,34 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | R963 633 688,99 |
| University of Cape Town | R289 262 535,08 |
| University of Fort Hare | R325 478 544,39 |
| University of Free State | R327 713 484,86 |
| University of Johannesburg | R822 939 335,91 |
| University of Kwazulu-Natal | R736 790 172,21 |
| University of Limpopo | R462 408 595,59 |
| University of Mpumalanga | R2 079 817,47 |
| University of Pretoria | R403 184 158,67 |
| University of South Africa | R768 793 350,08 |
| University of Stellenbosch | R94 268 576,69 |
| University of the Western Cape | R374 753 073,42 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | R382 534 490,49 |
| University of Venda | R294 129 907,72 |
| University of Zululand | R392 875 328,38 |
| Vaal University of Technology | R466 225 989,14 |
| Walter Sisulu University | R868 580 301,97 |

For the full set of active current and non-current debt owed by students as at   
10 October 2017, the current balance due to NSFAS amounts to R36bn (including where students are still studying and/or the debt is not due) per institution, and is detailed in the table below:

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| **UNIVERSITY** | **AMOUNT** |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | R1 481 768 393,98 |
| Durban University of Technology | R2 243 974 396,76 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | R992 386 918,76 |
| National Institute for HE-Northern Cape | R1 149 261,73 |
| Nelson Mandela University | R1 350 853 454,07 |
| North-West University | R1 342 945 575,88 |
| Rhodes University | R431 986 737,35 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Science University | R103 953 254,62 |
| Sol Plaatje University | R22 223 742,89 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | R4 058 994 259,49 |
| University of Cape Town | R1 129 811 858,84 |
| University of Fort Hare | R1 279 862 870,09 |
| University of Free State | R1 250 862 728,96 |
| University of Johannesburg | R3 193 507 681,58 |
| University of Kwazulu-Natal | R2 864 250 065,09 |
| University of Limpopo | R2 068 009 162,06 |
| University of Mpumalanga | R24 548 688,49 |
| University of Pretoria | R1 461 855 582,86 |
| University of South Africa | R1 815 917 199,90 |
| University of Stellenbosch | R304 029 975,73 |
| University of the Western Cape | R1 054 824 003,59 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | R1 509 613 862,75 |
| University of Venda | R1 229 567 226,64 |
| University of Zululand | R1 350 107 666,75 |
| Vaal University of Technology | R1 482 077 644,67 |
| Walter Sisulu University | R2 578 973 182,22 |

**COMPILER DETAILS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 2924.

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DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 2924 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENTS

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE: