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**QUESTION 608**

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**Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What was the change in the number of staff paid by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) allocated to managing applications for NSFAS funding from the application period for the 2016 academic year to the application period for the 2017 academic year?

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**REPLY:**

As at the end of the 2015/16 financial year, i.e. 31 March 2016, 258 employees (permanent and contract) were employed by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

The NSFAS staff headcount as at 22 March 2017 was 409 employees, of which 130 are seasonal contract workers specifically employed for purposes of the 2017 academic year application processes, in operations and the contact centre.

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