**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1080**

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

(1) Whether there are any higher education facilities within the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality in Mpumalanga; if not, why has such facilities not been built yet; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether a feasibility study was conducted to ascertain the need for such facilities; if so, what were the findings of the study;

(3) whether a budget was allocated towards building such facilities; if so, what amount was allocated?

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**REPLY:**

1. There is currently a satellite campus of the Ehlanzeni Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College operating in the Thaba Chweu Municipality at Lydenburg. The satellite campus is currently located in a municipal building.
2. The College undertook a basic feasibility assessment, and established that there is an immediate need to provide mining related programmes for the area and further identified the need to support the Tourism and Hospitality sector. As an interim response to this, the College supported by the Department is in the process of securing access to a building in closer proximity to the centre of the town. The College is also at an advanced stage of securing land from the Municipality.
3. At present, there is no allocated budget. The College is in the process of mobilising expressions of interest to fund the initiative from the various mines within the area.

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