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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 12**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 1 OF 2023**

**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation**:

What total number of SA Social Security Agency scholarships were given towards the (a) R425 Nursing Diploma programme, (b) R174 four-year Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing and Midwifery, (c) R425 Nursing degree and (d) new Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing?

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**REPLY:**

The Department is not responsible for SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) scholarships. This question should be directed to SASSA and the Department of Social Development.

However, the Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (HWSETA) invested and continues to invest in various health-related professions as referred below:

1. **R425 Nursing Diploma**

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| Year | Number of students | Budget |
| 2019-2020 | 478 | R37 762 000 |
| 2020-2021 | 400 | R31 600 000 |
| 2021-2022 | 203 | R16 037 000 |

1. **R174 B Nursing & midwifery**

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| Year | Number of students | Budget |
| 2019-2020 | 93 | R11 160 000 |
| 2020-2021 | 65 | R7 800 000 |
| 2021-2022 | 44 | R5 280 000 |

1. **R425 Nursing Degree**

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| Year | Number of students | Budget |
| 2019-2020 | 185 | R22 200 000 |
| 2020-2021 | 130 | R15 600 000 |
| 2021-2022 | 88 | R10 560 000 |

1. **New Post Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Mental Health)**

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| Year | Number of students | Budget |
| 2019-2020 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021-2022 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022-2023 | 0 | 0 |