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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 130**

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**Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What was the average fee increment at Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges for the (a) 2012, (b) 2013, (c) 2014 and (d) 2015 academic years, in each case providing a detailed breakdown of all expenses covered by the average full cost of study in each of the specified years?

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**REPLY:**

Based on the Departmental approved fees, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges are permitted to adjust these fees up to 10% in terms of the National Norms and Standards for Funding TVET Colleges.

The Department uses a costing model designed to calculate the cost per Ministerial approved programme. These include personnel costs, capital expenditure and other costs such as learner material, printing, stationery, lecturer support material, etc. Capital costs are costs related to the depreciation of assets owned and utilised by TVET colleges in the delivery of teaching and learning.

For 2013, 2014 and 2015, Compensation of Employee (CoE) costs were increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 1% as per the collective agreement reached over a three-year period, as well as 1.5% for pay progression for both TVET college lecturing and support staff as tabulated below:

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| **Year** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| CoE Adjustment | 10% | 8% | 9.4% | 7.1% |

The increase in Capital and Non-Personnel Non-Capital items were based on CPI adjustments only. The prescribed Departmental programme cost (fees) per student for TVET colleges for both the National Certificate (Vocational) [NC (V)] and Report 191 Programmes were as follows (calculated as an average cost of the programme):

**NC (V) Programmes**

| **Year** | **Full Programme Cost (R)** | **Funded by the State (80%) of the Full Programme Cost (R)** | **Annual increase (%)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2012 | 39 528 | 29 387 | 6.2% |
| 2013 | 42 240 | 33 792 | 6.9% |
| 2014 | 46 171 | 36 937 | 9.3% |
| 2015 | 49 261 | 39 409 | 6.7% |

**REPORT 191 Programmes**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Full Programme Cost (R)** | **Funded by the State (80%) of the Full Programme Cost (R)** | **Annual increase (%)** |
| 2012 | 21 078 | 16 862 | N/A |
| 2013 | 24 832 | 19 866 | 18% |
| 2014 | 26 861 | 21 489 | 8% |
| 2015 | 28 986 | 23 181 | 8% |

**N.B**: There was no incremental adjustment from 2011, since Report 191 was re-introduced in 2012.

In both programmes, funding is used to cater for direct costs such as learner materials, text books, subscriptions, excursions, printing, stationery, first aid kit, consumables, protective clothing, research, CoE, as well as indirect costs such water and electricity and CoE relating to support staff.

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