**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1384**

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**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With regard to the teacher support provided by the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education Authority (ETDP SETA) to each teacher union, (a) what amounts have been transferred over the past three financial years, (b) what is the total amount that has been budgeted for the 2017-18 financial year as grants, (c) what are the conditions linked to these transfers and (d) how is the ETDP SETA ensuring that the transfers are utilised by the teacher unions in accordance with the set conditions?

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**REPLY:**

(a) **Mandatory Grant**

The amounts indicated in the Table below were paid as the mandatory grant from the 20% of the 1% of the Skills Levies contributed by the South African Democratic Teachers’ Union (SADTU) and the National Professional Teachers’ Organisation of South Africa (NAPTOSA).

Mandatory grant payments require that organisations, which contribute towards the skills levies without any exemption from the Minister of Finance and those organisations which submit both the Workplace Skills Plans (WSPs) and the Annual Training Report (ATR) that are compliant as per the Grant Regulations, receive 20% of the 1% of the skills levies contributed in each of the financial years indicated.

The Mandatory Grant is utilised by the employer to reskill its employees based on the WSP submitted and reported in the ATR.

The Professional Educators Union (PEU), Suid-Afrikaanse Onderwysersunie (SAOU) and National Teachers Union (NATU) are not levy paying and therefore are not entitled to the Mandatory Grant.

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| **Teacher Union** | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** |
| 1. SADTU | R 75 920.15 | R 47 330.36 | R 86 031.34 |
| 1. NAPTOSA | R 7 912.56 | R 10 122.37 | R 9 544.13 |

**Discretionary Grant**

The Discretionary Grant is not transferred to any individual or organisation. The Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education Authority (ETDP SETA) appoints service providers that will train workers/employees of organisations. Discretionary projects and their associated costs are part of the ETDP SETA Annual Performance Plan (APP) and are accounted for as per the National Treasury Regulations and the Public Finance Management Act.

ETDP SETA supports teachers via the teacher union institutes on content and pedagogical knowledge relevant to the needs of teachers as well as via the Departments of Education without transferring funds to the organisations.

(b) R4 500 000 Discretionary Grant as per the 2017/18 ETDP SETA APP for Teacher Development Teaching and Learning Programmes.

(c) The content of the training programme is outlined in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) which is linked to the ETDP SETA APP. Payments are made to the training providers as per the terms and conditions of the SLAs entered into and paid directly to the service provider.

(d) The implementation of the SLA is managed by ETDP SETA and aligned to its APP.

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