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**QUESTION 1387**

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**Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training**:

(1) What number of (a) beds were available and (b) applications were received for student accommodation at each public university for the start of the 2017 academic year;

(2) what number of additional beds in student accommodation are expected to be made available through (a) renovation and (b) construction projects at each public university in the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019 and (iii) 2020 academic years?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) Table 1 shows the total number of 115 040 beds at public universities in 2016.

**Table 1: Total public university residence beds in 2016**

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| **University** | **Number of beds** |
| 1. Cape Peninsula University of Technology | 5 304 |
| 1. Central University of Technology | 975 |
| 1. Durban University of Technology | 2 837 |
| 1. Mangosuthu University of Technology | 1 910 |
| 1. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 3 197 |
| 1. North West University | 9 828 |
| 1. Rhodes University | 3 581 |
| 1. Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University | 2 748 |
| 1. Sol Plaatje University | 746 |
| 1. Tshwane University of Technology | 8 189 |
| 1. University of Cape Town | 6 645 |
| 1. University of Fort Hare | 3 494 |
| 1. University of the Free State | 5 522 |
| 1. University of Johannesburg | 6 952 |
| 1. University of KwaZulu-Natal | 7 147 |
| 1. University of Limpopo | 7 265 |
| 1. University of Mpumalanga | 1 006 |
| 1. University of Pretoria | 8 297 |
| 1. University of South Africa | 0 |
| 1. University of Stellenbosch | 7 684 |
| 1. University of Venda | 2 165 |
| 1. University of the Western Cape | 2 517 |
| 1. University of the Witwatersrand | 5 560 |
| 1. University of Zululand | 3 984 |
| 1. Vaal University of Technology | 2 639 |
| 1. Walter Sisulu University | 4 848 |
| **Total** | **115 040** |

(b) The information on the number of applications received for student housing at each public university for the start of the 2017 academic year is not available. The Department does not collect statistics on the number of applications for student housing. Once the Central Applications Service is fully operational, this information will be readily available and updated annually.

(2) Table 2 shows the approved student housing allocations from Infrastructure and Efficiency Grant (IEG) funds, and the proposed new beds to be built or refurbished at each university through the Student Housing Infrastructure Programme. The programme was launched by the Minister at the Student Housing Symposium, "Student Housing Matters", in July 2016. The programme aims to expand and accelerate the provision of student housing by developing 300 000 new beds over 10 years. At present, and utilising mainly IEG funds, universities develop about 3 000 new beds annually. Funding will be provided through the IEG allocations, Development Financial Institutions loans, and Public Private Partnerships involving the private sector developers and financial institutions.

The table shows that funding of R1.794 billion was allocated to 21 universities for the construction or refurbishment of student housing projects that will provide of 28 690beds between 2017 and 2020. The IEG allocations already approved will be supplemented by other sources of funding secured by universities, facilitated by the Department.

A further R1.1 billion will be allocated to student housing projects during 2017/18. The number of beds to be provided through this funding will be finalised following the submission of project plans to the Department. Universities which did not receive grants in previous cycles will be considered for the 2017/18 and subsequent allocations. The objective is to provide larger grants to enable universities to leverage grant funding and develop projects that achieve economies of scale and reduce costs per bed.

The number of additional beds for 2020/21 onwards will depend on National Treasury approval of the IEG budget for the fifth funding cycle, i.e. 2018/19 to 2020/21, and additional student housing infrastructure funding raised by institutions, as described above.

**Table 2: Student housing projects to be completed between 2017 and 2020**

| **University** | **Priority project** | **DHET allocation**  **R' 000** | **Number of beds** | **Expected completion** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | Develop new residence on Wellington campus | 50 000 | 480 | 2019 |
| Central University of Technology | Bloemfontein and Welkom campus projects to be finalised in 2017 and funded from IEG | 0 | 0 |  |
| Durban University of Technology | Purchase and refurbish Transnet property adjoining Indumiso campus in Pietermaritzburg | 90 000 | 635 | 2019 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | Complete new residence on Umlazi campus | 25 000 | 620 | 2017 |
| Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | Develop new residence on Summerstrand campus | 141 600 | 1 000 | 2019 |
| North West University | Develop new residence on Mafikeng campus | 65 000 | 1 760 | 2020 |
| Develop new residence on Vaal campus | 50 000 | 390 | 2018 |
| Rhodes University | Develop new residences on Grahamstown campus | 101 000 | 255 | 2019 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University | Develop new residence on GaRankuwa campus | 190 590 | 2000 | 2019 |
| Sol Plaatje University | All new residences completed in 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | Develop new residence on eMalahleni campus | 110 000 | 500 | 2019 |
| Refurbish residences on GaRankuwa and Soshanguve campuses | 64 310 | 600 | 2018 |
| University of Cape Town | Develop new residence and decanted dining facility | 50 000 | 332 | 2019 |
| University of Fort Hare | Develop new residences on Alice campus; IEG allocation to be confirmed in 2017 | 0 | 2 046 | 2020 |
| University of the Free State | Develop new residence on rural South campus | 40 000 | 225 | 2019 |
| Develop new residence on rural South Campus | 50 000 | 270 | 2017 |
| University of Johannesburg | Develop new residences on Soweto campus; additional IEG funds to be allocated in 2017/18 | 50 000 | 3 000 | 2020 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | Develop new residences, and refurbish residences on Edgewood, Medical School, Howard College, Pietermaritzburg campuses | 100 000 | 1 000 | 2020 |
| University of Limpopo | Develop 3 000 beds on Turfloop campus, subject to resolving claims on campus land | 90 000 | 3 000 | 2019 |
| University of Mpumalanga | Develop multi-purpose building (residence, clinic and sports facilities); budget to be finalised. | 0 | 150 | 2019 |
| University of Pretoria | Refurbish residences on Hillcrest Campus | 43 000 | 480 | 2020 |
| University of South Africa | No student housing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| University of Stellenbosch | Extend existing residence | 30 000 | 120 | 2020 |
| University of Venda | Develop new residences and refurbish existing residences on Thohoyandou campus | 132 994 | 634 | 2017 |
| University of the Western Cape | Develop new residences on Bellville campus | 200 000 | 2 680 | 2020 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | Develop residence on Wits Rural campus | 40 000 | 110 | 2019 |
| Extend and refurbish residence on Braamfontein campus | 55 200 | 253 | 2019 |
| University of Zululand | Purchase and refurbish block of flats for Richards Bay campus; develop new residences on KwaDlangezwa campus | 120 000 | 2 350 | 2020 |
| Vaal University of Technology | Develop new residences on Vanderbijl Park campus | 90 000 | 3 500 | 2020 |
| Walter Sisulu University | Develop residence on Mthatha campus | 82 000 | 300 | 2020 |
| **Total** | | **1 794 094** | **28 690** |  |

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