**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1390**

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**Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

How many students waited (a) less than one month, (b) between one and two months, (c) between two and three months and (d) more than three months for a decision about funding after applying for funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme for the 2017 academic year?

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**REPLY:**

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) responded to the questions as follows:

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| **Application Type** | **30 Days** | **(b)**  **60 Days** | **(c)**  **90 Days** | **(d)**  **120 Days** | **Total** |
| **Manual** | 76 836 | 38 939 | 14 077 | 11 270 | 141 122 |
| **Online** | 53 883 | 49 612 | 48 211 | 108 621 | 260 327 |
| **Total Students** | **130 719** | **88 551** | **62 288** | **119 891** | **401 449** |
|  | 33% | 22% | 16% | 30% | 100% |

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QUESTION 1390 APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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