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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1599**

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**Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

(1) What total amount in funding does eThekwini College in Durban, KwaZulu- Natal, receive from his department;

(2) whether the specified college provides his department with a budget for funds received; if so, what is the proposed budget for each line item;

(3) whether the college received Covid-19 relief funding from his department; if not, on what date will the college receive Covid-19 relief funding; if so, what (a) total amount of funding has been allocated to the college for Covid-19 relief funding and (b) is the breakdown of the specified funding?

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**REPLY:**

(1)    For the 2020/21 financial year, an amount of R198 734 325 was provided to eThekwini TVET College with regards to programme funding. This amount is the budget before the special budget adjustment announced by the National Treasury in June 2020. The new budget allocations will be issued to the TVET colleges as soon as it is approved.

(2)     The initial 2020/21 budget allocation of R198 734 325 consisted of the following economic categories:

            (a)       Compensation of Employees (PERSAL)        R 100 067 099

            (b)       Direct Transfers (subsidies)                             R 59 906 226

         (c) NSFAS Tuition Fees                                         R 38 761 000

(3)    Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges did not receive COVID-19 relief funding during the initial budget allocation (before the COVID-19 pandemic) and colleges were requested to reprioritise its budget to accommodate COVID-19 related expenditure. Based on the new special budget adjustment announced by the National Treasury in June 2020, an earmarked COVID-19 budget allocation has been made available to TVET colleges and will be issued to TVET colleges as soon as it is approved.