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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1620**

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

(a) What number of students who are studying at public technical and vocational education and training colleges were assisted by various types of National Student Financial Aid Scheme grants in the (i) 2014-15, (ii) 2015-16 and (iii) 2016-17 financial years and (b) what is the detailed breakdown of amounts paid in terms of each category of support for (i) class fees, (ii) accommodation, (iii) transport, (iv) books and (v) other expenses?

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**REPLY:**

The following responses were received from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS):

(a) (i) 2014-15: 228 639 students

 (ii) 2015-16: 235 522 students

 (iii) 2016-17: 225 933 students (unaudited)

(b) NSFAS has the data for each student funded at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges for the respective years in question. However, this data is not descriptive per category of support, but rather provides the total amount allocated to a student. The Department’s TVET Branch specifies for each academic year, the maximum value for class fees, accommodation, transport, books and other expenses. These maximum values are contained in the Bursary Guidelines published by the Department.

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