**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1621**

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

(1) (a) How many students studying at public technical and vocational education and training colleges who received support from various types of National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) grants in the (i) 2014, (ii) 2015 and (iii) 2016 academic years (aa) were allowed to progress to the next level of their studies and/or (bb) achieved their qualifications at the end of each academic year and (b) what were the percentages in each case in relation to the total number of students who received NSFAS grants;

(2) how many of the specified students who received NSFAS grants received the grants for a period of more than (a) three, (b) four or (c) five consecutive years respectively?

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**REPLY:**

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

1. NSFAS does not capture the detailed academic progression data required to respond to the question.
2. NSFAS does not have the capability to analyse its’ funding data by cohort and it is prepared to provide the lists of all funded students, for the period 2008 to 2015, to the Department of Higher Education and Training for cohort analysis.

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