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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1630**

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

What was the value of (a) the total budget of, (b) any deficits incurred and (c) any special additional state funding received by each public (i) university and (ii) technical and vocational education and training college in each of the past 10 financial years?

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**REPLY:**

(a) (i) Annexure A provides for the total income of each university for the past 10 financial years. It should be noted that universities in terms of the accounting standards report on their actual total income generated and not on their budgets.

(b) (i) Annexure A provides for the total deficits (highlighted in grey) that certain universities generated in a particular financial year.

(c) (i) No university received additional funding in a particular year. The Department provides financial assistance to each institution through the funding framework for universities. This is made up of a block grant subsidy and a range of earmarked grants, including National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) funding.

(b) (i)-(iii) The information relating to budgets, deficits and additional state funding to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges for the last 10 financial years is not readily available and will have to be requested from Provinces as the TVET function only came under the competency of the Department on 1 April 2015. This information will be requested and provided in due course.

In summary, the TVET system is vastly underfunded as indicated in the table below.

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| **Categories** | **2017/18****R’000** | **2018/19****R’000** | **2019/20****R’000** |
| Total Estimated Programme Funding: Budget Required | 23 803 000 | 28 584 000 | 30 184 704 |
| Programme Funding Baseline Available | 9 567 000 | 10 087 000 | 10 651 872 |
| **Total Estimated Shortfall** | **(14 236 000)** | **(18 497 000)** | **(19 532 832)** |

Currently, TVET colleges are funded at 57% of the required 80% due to over enrolment.

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