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**Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Tourism**

(a) How many (i) trainees were inducted into her department’s National Youth Chefs Training Programme during the 2016-17 financial year and (ii) of the specified trainees (aa) have dropped out of the programme and/or (bb) are frequently absent from training and (b) what are the reasons for the rate of drop-outs or absenteeism in each case? NW1851E

 **Reply:**

1. How many

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| 1. Trainees were inducted into her department’s National Youth Chefs Training Programme during 2016-17 financial year
 | Total number is 577 |
| (ii) Of the specified trainees | (aa) have dropped out of the programme | (bb) are frequently absent from training  |
| 6 drop outs | 16% absenteeism rate recorded. |

1. What are the reasons for the rate of drop-outs or the absenteeism in each case?

**Drop out reasons**

* Pregnancy (1)

**Absenteeism reasons**

* Abscondment (4)

One trainee unfortunately passed away. (1)