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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 hospitality service training programme during the 2016-17 financial year and (ii) of the specified trainees have (aa) dropped out of the programme or (bb) are frequently absent from training and (b) what are the reasons for the drop-out or absenteeism rate in each case? NW1852E

**Reply:**

1. How many

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| 1. Trainees were inducted into her department’s hospitality service training programme during 2016-17 financial year
 | Targeted number was 2000 and only 1700 learners were inducted due to the service provider withdrawing from the project. NDT is currently in the process of recruiting a new service provider for NW and LP Province. The tender has been advertised and the closing date is the 19th June 2017. |
| (ii) Of the specified trainees | (aa) have dropped out of the programme | (bb) are frequently absent from training  |
| 190 | 5.2% absenteeism rate |

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

See table below:

 **Reasons for Drop out**

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| **Classification of learner drop out** | **Number of learners** |
| Went back to school | 39 |
| Found Employment | 30 |
| Absconded | 80 |
| Pregnant | 9 |
| Relocation | 11 |
| Health related | 10 |
| Deceased | 2 |
| Joined another programme | 3 |
| Dismissed | 5 |
| Transport | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **190** |

**Reasons for absenteeism**

* Public Protests
* Public Transport strikes
* Sick and family responsibility