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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1790**

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**Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

What total number of final-year students are studying a B Ed degree at universities and colleges in the Republic?

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**REPLY:**

The Department does not collect data by year of study as each university determines its years of study differently. Furthermore, the Department will only receive the final audited data for the 2020 academic year in 2021 once the graduates have been identified and the data audited.

In terms of the enrolment plan for 2014 to 2019, universities indicated that they would have 11 122 BEd graduates and 8 716 PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) graduates in the 2018 academic year. Table 1 below shows that universities have exceeded these projections, achieving 17 432 BEd graduates and 10 976 PGCE graduates in 2018.

For 2019, universities have projected 11 483 BEd graduates and 9 218 PGCE graduates, and for 2020, 17 814 BEd graduates and 10 143 PGCE graduates.

**Table 1: Number of B Ed and PGCE graduates in 2018, by institution.**

| **Institution** | **BEd** | **PGCE** |
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| Cape Peninsula University of Technology (23 final year students are tutored in partnership with College of Cape Town) | 713 | 142 |
| University of Cape Town | 0 | 117 |
| Central University of Technology, Free State | 400 | 250 |
| Durban Institute of Technology | 222 | 0 |
| University of Fort Hare | 411 | 90 |
| University of Free State | 598 | 286 |
| University of Johannesburg | 585 | 176 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | 1 126 | 729 |
| University of Limpopo | 517 | 251 |
| Nelson Mandela University | 338 | 116 |
| North West University | 1 101 | 646 |
| University of Pretoria | 898 | 139 |
| Rhodes University | 99 | 103 |
| University of South Africa | 5 908 | 6 264 |
| University of Stellenbosch | 237 | 231 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | 700 | 0 |
| University of Venda | 662 | 168 |
| Walter Sisulu University | 1 026 | 546 |
| University of Western Cape | 203 | 205 |
| University of Witwatersrand | 486 | 171 |
| University of Zululand | 1 022 | 346 |
| Sol Plaatje University, Northern Cape | 82 | 0 |
| University of Mpumalanga | 98 | 0 |
| **Total** | **17 432** | **10 976** |