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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 18**

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**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What number of staff members in each state-owned enterprise qualified as artisans in the (i) 2014-15, (ii) 2015-16 and (iii) 2016-17 financial years, (b) in which trade each of the specified persons qualify and (c) which trade test centres were used in each case for the qualifying tests? NW22E

**REPLY:**

All responses are based on information received from Eskom and SAX respectively.

**ESKOM:**

**(a)**

The table below lists the number of staff members at Eskom who qualified as artisans over a three financial years.

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|  | **Qualifying Year** | | | **Total** |
| **2014/2015**  **(a)(i)** | **2015/2016**  **(a)(ii)** | **2016/2017**  **(a)(iii)** |  |
| **Total** | 209 | 566 | 223 | 998 |

**(b)**

Table below lists the trade in which the artisans qualified in over a three (3) year period.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Discipline / Trade** | **Qualifying Year** | | |
| **2014/2015**  **(a)(i)** | **2015/2016**  **(a)(ii)** | **2016/2017**  **(a)(iii)** |
| Boiler making / Welding | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Control & Instrumentation | 6 | 28 | 3 |
| Electrical | 187 | 386 | 202 |
| Mechanical | 16 | 57 | 18 |
| Plant Operating | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| Rigging | 0 | 1 | 0 |

**(c)**

Trade Testing is conducted at Eskom Trade Test Centers. External trade test centres are made use of when internal capacity is limited. The table below lists the various trade test centres:

|  |  |
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| **Discipline / Trade** | **Trade Test Centre(s)** |
| Boiler making / Welding | Majuba TVET College |
| Control & Instrumentation | Eskom |
| Electrical | Eskom & \*External |
| Mechanical | Eskom |
| Plant Operating | No trade test required |
| Rigging | Majuba TVET College |

\**Colliery Training Centre, Majuba, Gijima, Lakeside & De Beers*

**SAX:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a) How many staff members in each state-owned enterprise qualified as artisans in the  (i) 2014-15, (ii) 2015-16 and (iii) 2016-17 financial years | (i) 2014-15    12 | (ii) 2015-16    17 | (iii) 2016-17    5 |
| (b) in which trade did each of the specified persons qualify | 11 x Mechanics  1 x Avionic | 17 x Mechanics | 1 x Mechanic  4x Avionics |
| (c) which trade test centres were used in each case for the qualifying tests? | SAA and Denel | SAA | SAA and Denel |

**TRANSNET:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Qualified Artisans (2014 – 2017)** | | | |
| **CENTRE** | **LEARNERS QUALIFIED** | **LEARNERS ABSORBED** | **LEARNERS RELEASED** |
| **BLOEMFONTEIN** | 332 | 62 | 270 |
| **DURBAN** | 799 | 174 | 625 |
| **GERMISTON** | 341 | 44 | 297 |
| **KOEDOESPOORT** | 348 | 146 | 207 |
| **SALT RIVER** | 198 | 53 | 141 |
| **UITENHAGE** | 341 | 23 | 317 |
| **TOTAL** | **2 359** | **502** | **1 857** |

*(b) & (c)*

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| **Trades and Training/Test Centres** | | | | | | | |
| **Trades** | **Germiston** | **Bloem**  **fontein** | **Uitenhage** | **Koedoes**  **poort** | **Durban** | **Salt River** | **Total** |
| Electricians | 82 | 57 | 82 | 19 | 183 | 19 | 442 |
| Electrical Fitter | 54 | 5 | 54 | 41 | 181 | 17 | 352 |
| Diesel E/Fitter | 48 | 13 | 48 | 43 | 16 | 19 | 187 |
| Diesel Mechanics | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Plater | 0 | 70 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 42 | 141 |
| Boilermaker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 42 |
| Vehicle Builder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 25 |
| Millwright | 57 | 45 | 57 | 29 | 109 | 6 | 303 |
| Fitter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| Wagon Fitter | 41 | 28 | 41 | 0 | 21 | 11 | 142 |
| Welder | 59 | 61 | 59 | 155 | 72 | 46 | 452 |
| Armature Winder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Fitter and Turner | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Turner and Machinist | 0 | 19 | 0 | 37 | 98 | 21 | 175 |
| Bricklayer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| **Totals** | **341** | **332** | **341** | **348** | **799** | **198** | **2359** |

**Alexkor, Denel, and SAFCOL, responses outstanding.**