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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 187**

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**Mrs C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) What (a) number of students was able to enrol in each public university (i) in 2020 and (ii) in 2021 in terms of the enrolment plan of each university and (b) is the current enrolment numbers at each public university;

(2) what number of the students who enrolled at each of the specified universities in 2020 were beneficiaries of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) The table below reflects the Ministerial approved enrolment planning targets for the 2020 and 2021 academic years.

| **Institution** | **Projected Targets** |
| --- | --- |
| **2020** | **2021** |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | 35 498 | 37 027 |
| University of Cape Town | 28 037 | 28 174 |
| Central University of Technology | 18 255 | 19 098 |
| Durban University of Technology | 30 219 | 30 439 |
| University of Fort Hare | 17 310 | 17 673 |
| University of Free State | 40 271 | 40 519 |
| University of Johannesburg | 49 727 | 49 969 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | 47 726 | 46 829 |
| University of Limpopo | 21 995 | 22 561 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | 12 980 | 13 391 |
| Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 29 792 | 30 461 |
| North-West University | 63 065 | 61 054 |
| University of Pretoria | 51 978 | 52 134 |
| Rhodes University | 8 714 | 8 866 |
| University of South Africa | 376 000 | 376 468 |
| University of Stellenbosch | 31 690 | 32 380 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | 61 814 | 62 439 |
| Vaal University of Technology | 20 992 | 22 154 |
| University of Venda | 16 992 | 17 332 |
| Walter Sisulu University | 30 269 | 29 544 |
| University of the Western Cape | 24 800 | 25 060 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | 40 935 | 41 003 |
| University of Zululand | 17 920 | 18 636 |
| University of Mpumalanga | 4 218 | 5 217 |
| Sol Plaatje University | 2 512 | 3 278 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Science University | 6 640 | 6 820 |
| **Total** | **1 090 350** | **1 098 526** |

(b) The Department has only received preliminary data from universities on their 2020 enrolments and this is therefore subject to change.  More reliable data on enrolments will be received from universities at the end of April 2021. Once they have identified all their graduates, the Department will receive the final audited data at the end of July 2021.

(2) As at 31 December 2020, NSFAS had confirmed funding for 487 411 university students on the DHET Bursary Scheme. It is estimated that this number would increase taking into consideration that NSFAS is concluding outstanding funding decisions*.* The table below provides a breakdown of the numbers per institution.

| **Institution** | **NSFAS Funded Students** |
| --- | --- |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology |                 15 521 |
| Central University of Technology |                   8 868 |
| Durban University of Technology |                 19 994 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology |                 10 430 |
| Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University |                 14 164 |
| North-West University |                 22 356 |
| Rhodes University |                   3 128 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Science University |                   3 229 |
| Sol Plaatje University |                   1 434 |
| Tshwane University of Technology |                 36 447 |
| University of Cape Town |                   5 109 |
| University of Fort Hare |                   9 339 |
| University of Free State |                 21 503 |
| University of Johannesburg |                 23 328 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal |                 23 916 |
| University of Limpopo |                 15 749 |
| University of Mpumalanga |                   3 090 |
| University of Pretoria |                 10 706 |
| University of South Africa |               157 395 |
| University of Stellenbosch |                   3 952 |
| University of the Western Cape |                 10 471 |
| University of the Witwatersrand |                   9 327 |
| University of Venda |                 10 890 |
| University of Zululand |                 13 092 |
| Vaal University of Technology |                 12 540 |
| Walter Sisulu University |                 21 433 |
| **Total** | **487 411**  |