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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1932**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 19 OF 2021**

**Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(a) What are the reasons that student funding was withdrawn for Mahlodi Welcome Matamela (details furnished), who is a student at Tshwane University of Technology Polokwane campus who had received the National Student Financial Aid Scheme funding for the year 2021 and (b) who will be responsible for the accumulated debt that the specified student has incurred?

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**REPLY:**

(a) Ms Mahlodi Matamela applied and was provisionally approved for a NSFAS bursary for 2020. There was no registration claim submitted by any institution to NSFAS to confirm registration in 2020. The 2021 funding can only be confirmed where a 2020 registration was received, and the student passed the registered modules. In the case of Ms Matamela, both the registration data and results for 2020 have not been submitted to NSFAS. In addition, there is no record that the student applied for 2021 funding**.**

(b) If registration data for 2020 is submitted and the institution confirms through results that the student passed, the 2020 and 2021 years of funding will be covered by NSFAS.