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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2120**

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**Mr M S Mbatha (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With reference to the provision of WiFi in technical vocational education and training colleges (TVET) that is lagging behind, leaving most of the specified campuses without access to WiFi, what are his department's plans to scale up the provision of WiFi to campuses?

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**REPLY:**

The Department has had a technical discussion with the Meraka Institute’s team, which is driving the national rollout of the South African National Research Education Network (SANReN) network. The main purpose of SANReN is to connect all research and higher education institutions to the internet through an ultra-high-speed (20Mbps) and high capacity 10 GigaByte network. SANReN currently has sufficient infrastructure including high-speed fibre rings and spurs, backhaul from SEACOM landing, rented access circuits and Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) access circuits from Telkom. The Department has a plan to extend the SANReN services in the most cost-effective way to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges.

To enable equity and equality of services to all colleges, the Department is in the process of implementing the SANReN network at TVET colleges with the Department being responsible for capital expenses, viz. Access Network Circuits from the POP to the campus, networking equipment and campus Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi).

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