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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 223**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 5 OF 2020**

**Dr SS Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and**

**Technology:**

Whether any students are prevented from registration at Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges in Ekurhuleni, because they are blocked by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme from applying?

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**REPLY:**

The two Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges located in Ekurhuleni (Ekurhuleni East TVET College and Ekurhuleni West TVET College) have informed the Department of Higher Education and Training that no students were prevented from registering for the 2020 academic year due to being blocked by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) from applying.

The colleges have indicated that in cases where payments were outstanding from NSFAS, students were allowed to register and the colleges have followed up with NSFAS on their behalf.