**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2271**

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**2271. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) number of learners in each province who wrote their National Senior Certificate examinations in 2017 have still not received their certificates and (b) action is her department taking to ensure that learners receive the outstanding certificates necessary for post-school education and employment? NW2446E

**RESPONSE:**

1. The Table below indicates the number of candidates that wrote all seven subjects in the 2017 National Senior Certificate examination and passed and therefore qualify for a full certificate, the number of certificates that were issued by Umalusi, the number of certificates outstanding, and the percentage of outstanding certificates.

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| **Province** | **Candidates that Passed** | **Issued Certificates** | **Outstanding certificates** | **% Outstanding** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 44 413 | 25 069 | 19 344 | 43.6 |
| FREE STATE | 21 875 | 21 875 | 0 | 0.0 |
| GAUTENG | 82 894 | 70 564 | 12 330 | 14.9 |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 90 909 | 86 203 | 4 706 | 5.2 |
| LIMPOPO | 54 624 | 51 838 | 2 786 | 5.1 |
| MPUMULANGA | 36 270 | 36 049 | 221 | 0.6 |
| NORTH WEST | 24 707 | 24 707 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 6 640 | 6 375 | 265 | 4.0 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 41 234 | 41 234 | 0 | 0.0 |

*Umalusi Certification System: 2017 Nov Database*

1. In the case of the seven provinces, the small number of certificates that are outstanding are due to data errors, and in these cases the certificate requests were rejected by the Quality Assurance Council, Umalusi. The Provincial Education Department (PED) is currently attending to these data errors and these data sets will be resubmitted to Umalusi.

In the case of the Eastern Cape and Gauteng, the large number of candidates that have not as yet received their certificates is due to a system problem that is currently being attended to by the State Information Technology (SITA), the provinces involved and the Department of Basic Education (DBE). It needs to be noted that all learners in the Eastern Cape and Gauteng provinces, have been resulted and have received their Statement of Results. The DBE is prioritizing the outstanding certificates and the DBE will ensure that all outstanding certificates will be issued in the next two weeks.