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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2398**

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**Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

Whether any contracts have been awarded to any service provider for the (a) maintenance of and/or (b) upgrades to the (i) Mapulaneng and (ii) Matsulu Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges in the Bushbuckridge and Mbombela Local Municipalities in Mpumalanga (aa) in the (aaa) 2013-14, (bbb) 2014-15 and (ccc) 2015-16 financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2016; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the full relevant details of each contract awarded in each case?

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**REPLY:**

The Ehlanzeni Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College is responsible for the Mapulaneng Campus in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality. Since late 2013, the college has not awarded contracts to any service provider as campus upgrades and maintenance are undertaken by its skilled college staff and students as part of their practical training. The college is a technical training institution, which strives to provide theoretical and practical training for students by maintaining and upgrading its facilities to save costs and maximise the use of its allocated budget.

The college took transfer of the Matsulu Technical and Vocational Education and Training Centre during 2015. On taking occupation, it was established that the drainage pipes at the Centre were blocked and a contractor was appointed, after obtaining 3 quotations, to unblock the drainage pipes. No subsequent contracts have been awarded to service providers at this centre.

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