**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2463**

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

How much is currently owed to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme by students who have (a) graduated and (b) dropped out?

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**REPLY:**

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has provided the following information with respect to current debt. It must be noted that student debt is only repayable once the graduate or dropout is employed and earning in excess of R30 000 per annum.

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| **Category** | **Amount Outstanding** |
| 1. Graduates | R6.148 billion |
| 1. Drop outs | R4.002 billion |
| **Total** | **R10.150 billion** |

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