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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 255**

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**Ms N Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What number of new rooms for accommodation were built at each (a) university and (b) technical and vocational education and training college in 2018?

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**REPLY:**

1. The number of additional beds (not rooms) constructed and completed at each university in the 2018 academic year is as follows:

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| **Institution** | **Number of beds** |
| Durban University of Technology | 260 |
| University of the Free State | 268 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | 630 |
| University of Mpumalanga | 100 |
| Rhodes University | 264 |
| Vaal University of Technology | 300 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | 351\* |
| **Total number of beds completed** | **2 173** |

*\*Extension of various residences*

Larger projects are at different phases of planning, procurement and construction. As part of the first phase, eight universities are embarking on large projects for which funding is being secured. These projects once finalised, will yield about 18 000 new beds over the next three years starting in 2019.

The Department’s **Student Housing Infrastructure Programme (SHIP)** aims to provide 300 000 new student beds, 200 000 at universities and 100 000 at TVET colleges over the next ten year period. More than R4.1 billion has been allocated from the Infrastructure and Efficiency Grant for university student housing for the period 2015/16 to 2020/21 and are mostly for equity in large projects (2000 beds) although some smaller projects have been funded (250 to 500 beds). At this stage no specific funding is available to TVET student housing within the baseline grant to colleges. Additional funds are in the process of being sourced for TVET Colleges.

(b) No new beds were constructed at Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges during 2018.