**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2626 / NW 2931E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

(a) What (i) programmes, (ii) bursaries and (iii) scholarships is (aa) his department and (bb) each entity reporting to him involved in to develop and provide careers for the youth in our country and (b) what (i) amount in funding was allocated and (ii) number of youths benefited in each case in the (aa) 2014-15, (bb) 2015-16 and (cc) 2016-17 financial years? **NW2931E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries implements the following programmes for youth:
2. Graduate placement programme (internships),

**(ii)** External Bursary Scheme & Scholarships

**(iii)** Career Awareness Programme.

1. The amount in funding allocated per programme by the department and number of youth benefitted in each programme during the following financial years: 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, is illustrated in the table below:

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| **Programmes** | **2014/15** | | **2015/16** | | **2016/17** | |
| **No.**  **Youth** | **Funding** | **No.**  **Youth** | **Funding** | **No.**  **Youth** | **Funding** |
| Graduate Placement Programme (Internships) | **286** | R17 835 022 | **287** | R19 284 000 | **298** | R20 532 931 |
| External Bursary Scheme | **333** | R18 406 613 | **374** | R20 898 033 | **345** | R20 359 642 |
| Career Awareness | **7 728** | R550 000 | **4 420** | R600 000 | **9 494** | R650 000 |