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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2628**

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**Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What is the detailed breakdown of his department’s budget for universities in terms of the size of each component of the (a) block grants, (b) earmarked grants and (c) any other relevant grant awarded (i) in each of the past 10 financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2016?

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**REPLY:**

In terms of a detailed breakdown of the Department’s budget for universities in terms of the size of each component of the (a) block grants, (b) earmarked grants and (c) any other relevant grant awarded (i) in each of the past 10 financial years, please refer to the 2015 Public Report on the State Budgets for Universities (Annexure A). As seen in the report, the state budget for universities, including allocation for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) increased from R9.878 billion in 2004/05 to R30.338 billion in 2015/16.

 (ii) For the financial year starting 1 April 2016, the following table reflects the updated budget from National Treasury for 2016/17 as per the updated Ministerial Statement issued in July 2016 (Annexure B). As seen in the table below, the block grant increased from R19.561 billion in 2014/15 to R25.3 billion in 2017/18, earmarked grants increased from R4.589 billion in 2014/15 to R6.241 billion in 2017/18, and grants to institutions such as NSFAS increased from R3.914 billion in 2014/15 to R7.551 billion in 2017/18.



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