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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 271**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 2 OF 2018)**

**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What number (a) of subject enrolments for the General Education and Training Certificates, for which examinations were externally administered, were done through our public community education and training colleges in each of the past three academic years, (b) of the specified subjects were written in each case and (c) of the specified subjects achieved marks (i) equal to 40% and above and (ii) between 30% and 40% in each case?

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**REPLY:**

1. – (c) Tables 1 - 3 reflects the number of enrolments per content and language learning areas with achievements for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The performance level for achieving a subject pass or a full General Education and Training Certificate (GETC) is 40%.

Table 1 (a) Number of students in Community Education and Training (CET) colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Content Learning Areas in2015.

| **Content Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ancillary Health Care | 73 296 | 32 467 | 44.3 |
| Applied Agriculture and Agricultural Technology | 9 817 | 3 494 | 35.6 |
| Arts and Culture | 9 973 | 5 000 | 50.1 |
| Early Childhood Development | 34 488 | 19 282 | 55.9 |
| Economics and Management Sciences | 30 415 | 13 497 | 44.4 |
| Human and Social Sciences | 17 144 | 9 027 | 52.7 |
| Information and Communication Technology | 4 956 | 2 331 | 47.0 |
| Life Orientation (Core) | 97 646 | 46 529 | 47.7 |
| Mathematical Literacy | 88 807 | 34 286 | 38.6 |
| Maths and Maths Sciences | 14 517 | 3 970 | 27.3 |
| Natural Sciences | 18 219 | 4 757 | 26.1 |
| Small Medium and Micro Enterprises | 17 921 | 8 346 | 46.6 |
| Technology | 3 960 | 1 102 | 27.8 |
| Travel and Tourism | 29 116 | 14 482 | 49.7 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 4 691 | 1 827 | 38.9 |
| **Total** | **454 966** | **200 397** | **42.2** |

Table 1 (b) Number of students in CET colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Language Learning Areas in 2015.

| **Language Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Afrikaans | 1 700 | 1 108 | 65.2 |
| English | 102 761 | 40 290 | 39.2 |
| IsiNdebele | 537 | 384 | 71.5 |
| IsiXhosa | 9 550 | 6 237 | 65.3 |
| IsiZulu | 19 238 | 10 212 | 53.1 |
| Sepedi | 7 620 | 4 487 | 58.9 |
| Sesotho | 1 342 | 956 | 71.2 |
| Setswana | 3 500 | 2 399 | 68.5 |
| SiSwati | 2 444 | 1 445 | 59.1 |
| Tshivenda | 1 754 | 1 131 | 64.5 |
| Xitsonga | 2 274 | 1 587 | 69.8 |
| **Total** | **152 720** | **70 236** | **46.0** |

Table 2 (a) Number of students in Community Education and Training (CET) colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Content Learning Areas in2016.

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| **Content Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| Ancillary Health Care | 36 823 | 22167 | 60.2 |
| Applied Agriculture and Agricultural Technology | 4 352 | 2437 | 56.0 |
| Arts and Culture | 4 556 | 3645 | 80.7 |
| Early Childhood Development | 17 716 | 13818 | 78.0 |
| Economics and Management Sciences | 14 638 | 9412 | 64.3 |
| Human and Social Sciences | 9 307 | 7576 | 81.4 |
| Information and Communication Technology | 2 187 | 1706 | 78.0 |
| Life Orientation (Core) | 48 815 | 37295 | 76.4 |
| Mathematical Literacy | 45 098 | 19482 | 43.2 |
| Maths and Maths Sciences | 6 573 | 2346 | 35.7 |
| Natural Sciences | 6 329 | 2259 | 35.7 |
| Small Medium and Micro Enterprises | 9 434 | 6981 | 74.1 |
| Technology | 1 581 | 1216 | 76.9 |
| Travel and Tourism | 16 861 | 10605 | 62.9 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 2 530 | 1591 | 62.9 |
| **Total** | **226 800** | **142 536** | **62.9** |

Table 2 (b) Number of students in CET colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Language Learning Areas in 2016.

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| **Language Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| Afrikaans | 1 407 | 1165 | 82.8 |
| English | 85 085 | 4475 | 52.6 |
| IsiNdebele | 784 | 720 | 91.9 |
| IsiXhosa | 2 618 | 2419 | 92.4 |
| IsiZulu | 13 461 | 12653 | 94.0 |
| Sepedi | 995 | 854 | 85.8 |
| Sesotho | 113 | 99 | 87.4 |
| Setswana | 5 455 | 4440 | 81.4 |
| SiSwati | 3 782 | 3589 | 94.9 |
| Tshivenda | 1806 | 1716 | 95.2 |
| Xitsonga | 627 | 583 | 93.0 |
| **Total** | **116 133** | **72 993** | **62.9** |

Table 3 (a) Number of students in Community Education and Training (CET) colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Content Learning Areas in2017.

| **Content Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ancillary Health Care | 35241 | 22420 | 63.6 |
| Applied Agriculture and Agricultural Technology | 3841 | 1818 | 47.3 |
| Arts and Culture | 4252 | 3519 | 82.8 |
| Early Childhood Development | 17754 | 13139 | 74.0 |
| Economics and Management Sciences | 11969 | 6109 | 51.0 |
| Human and Social Sciences | 8512 | 6489 | 76.2 |
| Information and Communication Technology | 2137 | 1459 | 68.3 |
| Life Orientation (Core) | 44593 | 36614 | 82.1 |
| Mathematical Literacy | 41383 | 23450 | 56.7 |
| Maths and Maths Sciences | 6192 | 2549 | 41.2 |
| Natural Sciences | 5370 | 1946 | 36.2 |
| Small Medium and Micro Enterprises | 8557 | 5777 | 67.5 |
| Technology | 1379 | 637 | 46.2 |
| Travel and Tourism | 15265 | 12209 | 80.0 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 2520 | 1412 | 56.0 |
| **Total** | **208 965** | **139 547** | **66.8** |

Table 3 (b) Number of students in CET colleges who wrote and passed GETC: ABET Level 4 Language Learning Areas in 2017.

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| **Language Learning Area** | **Wrote** | **Completed** | **Pass Rate (%)** |
| Afrikaans | 1111 | 875 | 78.8 |
| English | 48179 | 22763 | 47.3 |
| IsiNdebele | 254 | 236 | 92.9 |
| IsiXhosa | 5055 | 4531 | 89.6 |
| IsiZulu | 6250 | 5845 | 93.5 |
| Sepedi | 4472 | 3716 | 83.1 |
| Sesotho | 914 | 761 | 83.3 |
| Setswana | 2879 | 2276 | 79.1 |
| SiSwati | 1302 | 1222 | 93.9 |
| Tshivenda | 1286 | 1215 | 94.5 |
| Xitsonga | 1374 | 1265 | 92.1 |
| **Total** | **73 076** | **44 705** | **94.5** |