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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2967**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 33 OF 2018)**

**Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

What is the total number of (a) students that each institution of higher learning can accommodate and (b) new rooms that are currently being built at each institution of higher learning?

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**REPLY:**

1. The total number of students that the 26 public universities can accommodate is 128 714.
2. The new beds that are in the process of being built at institutions from 2018/19 onwards are 39 332, as shown in the table below:

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| **University** | **Number of beds 2017/18** | **Beds being developed from 2018/19** |
| 1. Cape Peninsula University of Technology | 7 817 | 250 |
| 1. Central University of Technology | 944 | 500 |
| 1. Durban University of Technology | 3 411 | 610 |
| 1. Mangosuthu University of Technology | 1 910 | 612 |
| 1. Nelson Mandela University | 3 507 | 2 000 |
| 1. North West University | 9 881 | 1 760 |
| 1. Rhodes University | 4 232 | 264 |
| 1. Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University | 2 985 | 2 500 |
| 1. Sol Plaatje University | 1 021 | 320 |
| 1. Stellenbosch University | 7 878 | 250 |
| 1. Tshwane University of Technology | 10 614 | 250 |
| 1. University of Cape Town | 6 589 | 551 |
| 1. University of Fort Hare | 6 259 | 1 436 |
| 1. University of the Free State | 5 755 | 515 |
| 1. University of Johannesburg | 4 955 | 2 000 |
| 1. University of KwaZulu-Natal | 7 184 | 500 |
| 1. University of Limpopo | 6 435 | 3 500 |
| 1. University of Mpumalanga | 634 | 250 |
| 1. University of Pretoria | 8 771 | 300 |
| 1. University of South Africa | 0 | 0 |
| 1. University of Venda | 2 162 | 2 424 |
| 1. University of the Western Cape | 4 756 | 2 680 |
| 1. University of Zululand | 5 012 | 3 500 |
| 1. University of the Witwatersrand | 5 999 | 140 |
| 1. Vaal University of Technology | 4 385 | 1 836 |
| 1. Walter Sisulu University | 5 618 | 384 |
| **Total** | **128 714** | **39 332** |

The total number of students that can currently be accommodated at TVET colleges is 16 927.

In the past, the Department did not receive funding for the development or maintenance of student housing infrastructure at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges.

The Department received its first budget allocation for TVET infrastructure in the 2018/19 to 2020/21 Medium Term Expenditure Framework. The amount allocated in 2018/19 is R1.3 billion, which is set to increase to R1.484 billion in 2019/20 and R1.647 billion in 2020/21. Initially, this budget will be prioritised for the refurbishment of existing TVET infrastructure, including student housing. Once the maintenance and refurbishment backlog has been sufficiently addressed, consideration will be given to developing new TVET infrastructure. The Department is engaging with National Treasury and other stakeholders to source additional funding for the development of new residences at TVET colleges.