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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2969**

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 **Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

(1) What are the details of Ikhala Technical and Vocational Education and Training Colleges (TVETs) in Sterkspruit, Eastern Cape, that are in (a) the planning, (b) construction and (c) completed phase;

(2) whether any of the TVETs that are in the construction phase are currently unfinished; if so, (a) in which area and (b) what are the details of progress and/or plans to deal with unfinished buildings?

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**REPLY:**

1. The details of the new Ikhala TVET College Campus situated in Sterkspruit are:
	1. In planning: None
	2. Construction: The new Campus is currently at **96%** physical completion and a dispute is in progress between the Principal Agent, MSW Project Managers and Consultant Engineers and the Contractor, Uphala Construction. The resultant determination founded in favour of the Contractor. As a result, an application for additional budget is in progress. Once the funds have been approved, the buildings will be brought to completion. This process is expected to take three to four months. In the meantime, the site is secured by onsite security.
	3. in Completion: None.
2. There are currently 4 sites in construction in addition to Sterkspruit that are not yet fully completed:
	1. Gert Sibande TVET College, Balfour Campus, **98%** Physical Completion with Estimated Completion date of end November 2022; Mthashana TVET College, Vryheid Engineering Campus, **34%** Physical Completion, Estimated Completion October 2023; Umfolozi TVET College, Bhambanani Campus, **64%** Physical Completion**,** awaiting new tender processes for Phase 2 and new contractor. Tender will be published once Departmental procedures are in place; UMgungundlovu TVET College, Greytown Campus, **75%** Physical Completion Phase 2, Tender Documentation in development.
	2. As indicated above, the phase 2 process for the Bhambanani and Greytown sites will commence once the Department has finalized its tender processes and appointed the new contractors. The following sites have been completed:
		* Umfolozi TVET College, Nkandla A Campus in Nkandla Town;
		* UMgungundlovu TVET College, Msinga Campus near Tugela Ferry;
		* Esayidi TVET College, Umzimkhulu Campus at Umzimkhulu;
		* Ikhala TVET College, Aliwal North Campus in Aliwal North;
		* Ingwe TVET College, Ngqungqushe Campus in Lusikisiki;
		* Waterberg TVET College, Thabazimbi Campus in Thabazimbi,
		* Mthashana TVET College, Nongoma;
		* Kwagqikasi Campus in Nongoma; and
		* East Cape Midlands TVET College, Graaff Reinet Campus in Graaff Reinet