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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3066**

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

(1) How many applications were received in response to the last public call for potential external council members to apply for service on the councils of public Technical and Vocational and Education Training (TVET) colleges?

(2) Whether she was able to fill all the vacancies in the college councils from this list; if not, what remedial actions were undertaken to ensure that positions that required Ministerial appointments were filled?

(3) What is the average time required to fill vacancies that occur in the interim in the positions that require Ministerial appointment to the public TVET college councils?

(4) (a) How many of the current vacancies have existed for a period of more than six months and (b) What are the plans to fill these positions?

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**REPLY:**

1. In response to the call for nominations for 23 vacancies in the Councils of public Technical and Vocational and Education Training colleges, which was advertised on 2 October 2016 in the Sunday Times newspaper, the Department received 94 applications.
2. All vacancies were filled.
3. The process to appoint Ministerial Council members takes on average five months.
4. (a) None.

 (b) Currently there are 12 vacancies. A call for nominations was advertised on
15October 2017 in the Sunday Times newspaper with a closing date for nominations of 31 October 2017.

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