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**3246. Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) number and (b) percentage of Funza Lushaka bursars graduate (i) within the prescribed minimum period for their course of study and (ii) at all in respect of each university and each year of initial enrolment in (aa) 2007, (bb) 2008, (cc) 2009, (dd) 2010 and (ee) 2011? NW3847E

**REPLY**

Preliminary data from the Implementation Evaluation of the Funza Lushaka bursary programme indicates the number and percentage of sampled Funza Lushaka bursars that graduated within the prescribed period for their course of study at university between 2007 and 2012:

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| **Programme** | **Time Taken** | **Number** | **Percentage** |
| BEd | More than Minimum Time | 296 | 19% |
| Minimum Time | 1265 | 81% |
| PGCE | More than Minimum Time | 109 | 51% |
| Minimum Time | 106 | 49% |

Kindly note that the first intake of Funza Lushaka bursary holders was in 2007. It is expected that students will complete a Bachelor of Education degree within four years. Completing the course within the minimum prescribed period can therefore not be disaggregated by year from 2007-2011.