**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3492**

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**Ms J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

1. (a) What amount is the EastCape Midlands Technical and Vocational Education and Training College spending annually (i) on its own internal security arrangements internally and (ii) to hire external security firms and (b) what are the (i) names and (ii) details of each external security firm;
2. is there a current budget deficit at specified college; if so, (a) how much is the budget deficit, (b) how did the deficit arise and (c) how does his department intend to resolve the deficit;
3. has any money from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme been used by the college for any purpose other than student loans and bursaries; if so, (a) why and (b) what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The following table provides details of the amounts spent by Eastcape Midlands Technical and Vocational Education and Training College (EMC) on its internal and external security.

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| **Security** | **Per month** | **Amount Spent from January to September 2015** |
| 1. Internal | R45,417.00 | R408,753.00 |
| 2. External | | |
| (a) Metro Security Services (3.5 months only) | R239,474.61 per month | R838,161.15 |
| (b) Eagle Eye Security Services and Guarding (monthly) | R622 634.60 per month | R5,603,711.40 |
| **Total (9 Months)** | | **R6,850,625.55** |

(b) The table below provides details of each external firm:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name of the Firm** | **Number of Guards** | **Grades** | **Commencement Date** | **Termination Date** |
| Metro Security Services | 20 | A, B, C and D | 26 January 2015 | 15 May 2015 |
| Eagle Eye Security Services and Guarding | 52 | A, B, C, D and E | 1 March 2014 | 28 February 2017 |

**NB:** It should be noted that Metro Security Services was only appointed to bolster security at

EMC during the unrest.

1. (a) The current operating budget deficit for 2015 is R9.9 million which excludes non-cash items totalling R14.5 million for depreciation and bad debts.
2. The budget deficit is predominantly attributable to extraordinary items not budgeted for such as strike related costs in terms of security, repairs to property, legal fees, etc.

(c) Following the conclusion of the employees’ industrial action and restoration of normal operations, a budget review will be undertaken. Whilst there were exceptional strike related costs, there were also savings on certain expenditure items that will mitigate the deficit. A revised budget, including virements will be presented to the College Council before the end of the financial year.

1. Funds from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme have not been utilised by the College for any purposes other than student bursaries.

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REPLY TO QUESTION 3492 APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/AMENDED

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