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**QUESTION 3500**

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**3500. Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What (a) number and (b) percentage of learners writing each subject in 2014 (i) applied for a remark of their Grade 12 National Senior Certificate examinations and (ii) had their marks (aa) adjusted upward, (bb) adjusted downward and (cc) remain unchanged;

(2) what is the cost of securing a remark of an examination paper;

(3) is there any mechanism in place to allow indigent candidates to have the fee for remarking waived; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4162E

**RESPONSE:**

| **Subject** | **Total Re-mark** | **% Re-mark** | **Adjusted Upward** | **% Upward** | **Adjusted Downward** | **% Downward** | **Remain Unchanged** | **% Unchanged** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Accounting | 2901 | 2.31 | 1561 | 53.81 | 698 | 24.06 | 642 | 22.13 |
| Afrikaans First Additional Language | 3608 | 4.39 | 1973 | 54.68 | 827 | 22.92 | 808 | 22.39 |
| Afrikaans Home Language | 2574 | 5.27 | 1731 | 67.25 | 355 | 13.79 | 488 | 18.96 |
| Afrikaans Second Additional Language | 41 | 0.22 | 34 | 82.93 | 5 | 12.20 | 2 | 4.88 |
| Agricultural Management Practices | 18 | 1.11 | 6 | 33.33 | 7 | 38.89 | 5 | 27.78 |
| Agricultural Sciences | 254 | 0.33 | 178 | 70.08 | 42 | 16.54 | 34 | 13.39 |
| Agricultural Technology | 15 | 2.13 | 5 | 33.33 | 2 | 13.33 | 8 | 53.33 |
| Arabic Second Additional Language | 24 | 8.86 | 9 | 37.50 | 11 | 45.83 | 4 | 16.67 |
| Business Studies | 3448 | 1.67 | 2158 | 62.59 | 788 | 22.85 | 502 | 14.56 |
| Civil Technology | 137 | 1.49 | 74 | 54.01 | 33 | 24.09 | 30 | 21.90 |
| Computer Applications Technology | 864 | 2.18 | 598 | 69.21 | 124 | 14.35 | 142 | 16.44 |
| Consumer Studies | 576 | 1.51 | 256 | 44.44 | 155 | 26.91 | 165 | 28.65 |
| Dance Studies | 18 | 3.31 | 9 | 50.00 | 1 | 5.56 | 8 | 44.44 |
| Design | 56 | 2.62 | 42 | 75.00 | 1 | 1.79 | 13 | 23.21 |
| Dramatic Arts | 181 | 2.20 | 98 | 54.14 | 12 | 6.63 | 71 | 39.23 |
| Economics | 1494 | 1.09 | 916 | 61.31 | 390 | 26.10 | 188 | 12.58 |
| Electrical Technology | 79 | 1.48 | 26 | 32.91 | 5 | 6.33 | 48 | 60.76 |
| Engineering Graphics and Design | 974 | 3.67 | 398 | 40.86 | 184 | 18.89 | 392 | 40.25 |
| English First Additional Language | 3559 | 0.82 | 2344 | 65.86 | 984 | 27.65 | 231 | 6.49 |
| English Home Language | 5522 | 5.25 | 4355 | 78.87 | 674 | 12.21 | 493 | 8.93 |
| French Second Additional Language | 37 | 7.26 | 4 | 10.81 | 5 | 13.51 | 28 | 75.68 |
| Geography | 3144 | 1.34 | 2063 | 65.62 | 624 | 19.85 | 457 | 14.54 |
| German Second Additional Language | 47 | 8.68 | 10 | 21.28 | 22 | 46.81 | 15 | 31.91 |
| Hebrew Second Additional Language | 4 | 14.29 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 | 4 | 100.00 |
| History | 1844 | 1.6 | 1313 | 71.20 | 321 | 17.41 | 210 | 11.39 |
| Hospitality Studies | 144 | 1.71 | 77 | 53.47 | 19 | 13.19 | 48 | 33.33 |
| Information Technology | 470 | 10.19 | 257 | 54.68 | 86 | 18.30 | 127 | 27.02 |
| IsiXhosa First Additional Language | 16 | 0.78 | 11 | 68.75 |   | 0.00 | 5 | 31.25 |
| IsiXhosa Home Language | 46 | 0.06 | 19 | 41.30 | 20 | 43.48 | 7 | 15.22 |
| IsiXhosa Second Additional Language | 11 | 13.10 | 4 | 36.36 | 3 | 27.27 | 4 | 36.36 |
| IsiZulu First Additional Language | 109 | 0.72 | 64 | 58.72 | 16 | 14.68 | 29 | 26.61 |
| IsiZulu Home Language | 216 | 0.16 | 123 | 56.94 | 65 | 30.09 | 28 | 12.96 |
| Latin Second Additional Language | 1 | 100.00 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 | 1 | 100.00 |
| Life Orientation | 59 | 0.01 | 26 | 44.07 | 6 | 10.17 | 27 | 45.76 |
| Life Sciences | 6564 | 2.33 | 3999 | 60.92 | 1795 | 27.35 | 770 | 11.73 |
| Mathematical Literacy | 2059 | 0.66 | 1142 | 55.46 | 538 | 26.13 | 379 | 18.41 |
| Mathematics | 9223 | 4.10 | 4904 | 53.17 | 2388 | 25.89 | 1931 | 20.94 |
| Mechanical Technology | 91 | 1.43 | 40 | 43.96 | 8 | 8.79 | 43 | 47.25 |
| Music | 89 | 5.10 | 44 | 49.44 | 27 | 30.34 | 18 | 20.22 |
| Nautical Science | 1 | 5.26 | 1 | 100.00 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 |
| Physical Sciences | 6828 | 4.08 | 3186 | 46.66 | 2099 | 30.74 | 1543 | 22.60 |
| Portuguese Second Additional Language | 2 | 2.78 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 | 2 | 100.00 |
| Religion Studies | 18 | 0.31 | 14 | 77.78 | 2 | 11.11 | 2 | 11.11 |
| Sepedi First Additional Language | 3 | 0.71 | 3 | 100.00 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 |
| Sepedi Home Language | 11 | 0.02 | 4 | 36.36 | 6 | 54.55 | 1 | 9.09 |
| Sesotho Home Language | 48 | 0.17 | 39 | 81.25 | 7 | 14.58 | 2 | 4.17 |
| Sesotho Second Additional Language | 6 | 3.45 | 4 | 66.67 | 1 | 16.67 | 1 | 16.67 |
| Setswana First Additional Language | 1 | 0.46 | 1 | 100.00 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 |
| Setswana Home Language | 63 | 0.18 | 43 | 68.25 | 14 | 22.22 | 6 | 9.52 |
| Sport and Exercise Science | 4 | 14.29 | 4 | 100.00 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 |
| Tourism | 487 | 0.42 | 299 | 61.40 | 101 | 20.74 | 87 | 17.86 |
| Tshivenda Home Language | 1 | 0.01 |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 | 1 | 100.00 |
| Visual Arts | 252 | 3.66 | 159 | 63.10 | 11 | 4.37 | 82 | 32.54 |
| Xitsonga Home Language | 9 | 0.05 | 3 | 33.33 | 2 | 22.22 | 4 | 44.44 |

Source: Education mainframe as per 2 March 2015.

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| Process  | Amount  |
| Remarking  | R80  |
| Rechecking  | R18  |
| Viewing  | R160  |

3. According to the *Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate Examination* (Regulation Notice No 371 in Government Gazette NO 37651, dated 16 May 2014) it articulates the legislation regarding re-marking and it allows indigent candidates to be exempt from paying fees for remarking, re-checking and viewing of script/s.

 Candidates who have been exempted from the payment of school fees or attended a no-fees school, are exempt from the payment of the re-mark, re-check or fees for viewing of scripts.