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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3883**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER 46 OF 2017)**

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

(1) (a) What percentage of the annual budget allocated to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has been transferred by her department to the specified entity as at 30 September 2017, (b) what is the total amount that NSFAS committed to pay to each technical vocational education and training (TVET) college for the 2017 academic year, (c) what amount has been transferred from NSFAS to each specified TVET college during the period 1 January 2017 to 31 October 2017 and (d) what amounts were still due to the TVET colleges for the 2017 academic year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) Whether her department has any plan in place to improve the transfer of funds from NSFAS to TVET colleges in the future; if so, (a) at what stage of the academic year can TVET colleges expect to receive the full amounts due to them in the future and (b) what funding options are available to TVET colleges to assist poor students during the interim period until the funds due to them have been transferred?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) and (b) The total amount transferred to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) amounted to R12.5 billion including administration fees that represents 100% of the funds budgeted to NSFAS.

 (c) and (d)Amounts transferred to TVET colleges and balances remaining as 28 November 2017 are reflected below:

| **Institution** | **2017 Commitment** | **2017 Paid up to October 2017** | **2017 Balance remaining** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Boland College
 | R 37 886 000 | R 18 606 294 | R 19 279 706 |
| 1. Buffalo City College
 | R 35 041 000 | R 26 241 784 | R 8 799 216 |
| 1. Capricorn College
 | R 79 211 000 | R 58 985 122 | R 20 225 878 |
| 1. Central Johannesburg College
 | R 56 809 000 | R 17 265 929 | R 39 543 071 |
| 1. Coastal KZN
 | R 85 901 000 | R 58 192 667 | R 27 708 333 |
| 1. College of Cape Town
 | R 50 324 000 | R 22 835 461 | R 27 488 539 |
| 1. Eastcape Midlands College
 | R 39 303 000 | R 17 853 781 | R 21 449 219 |
| 1. Ehlanzeni College
 | R 41 150 000 | R 18 658 753 | R 22 491 247 |
| 1. Ekurhuleni East College
 | R 57 383 000 | R 37 518 758 | R 19 864 242 |
| 1. Ekurhuleni West College
 | R 80 076 000 | R 43 276 018 | R 36 799 982 |
| 1. Elangeni College
 | R 62 893 000 | R 33 792 149 | R 29 100 851 |
| 1. Esayidi College
 | R 59 735 000 | R 32 380 987 | R 27 354 013 |
| 1. False Bay College
 | R 34 619 000 | R 20 107 445 | R 14 511 555 |
| 1. Flavius Mareka College
 | R 22 341 000 | R 9 386 075 | R 12 954 925 |
| 1. Gert Sibande College
 | R 55 566 000 | R 38 860 100 | R 16 705 900 |
| 1. Goldfields College
 | R 26 821 000 | R 8 138 318 | R 18 682 682 |
| 1. Ikhala College
 | R 24 597 000 | R 11 153 074 | R 13 443 926 |
| 1. Ingwe College
 | R 38 844 000 | R 34 344 848 | R 4 499 152 |
| 1. King Hintsa College
 | R 22 870 000 | R 15 157 108 | R 7 712 892 |
| 1. King Sabata Dalindyebo College
 | R 40 238 000 | R 23 886 430 | R 16 351 570 |
| 1. Lephalale College
 | R 16 016 000 | R 4 859 924 | R 11 156 076 |
| 1. Letaba College
 | R 32 395 000 | R 16 248 024 | R 16 146 976 |
| 1. Lovedale College
 | R 21 511 000 | R 9 753 808 | R 11 757 192 |
| 1. Majuba College
 | R 96 293 000 | R 47 792 588 | R 48 500 412 |
| 1. Maluti College
 | R 43 511 000 | R 31 553 239 | R 11 957 761 |
| 1. Mnambithi College
 | R 39 398 000 | R 19 877 833 | R 19 520 167 |
| 1. Mopani South East College
 | R 40 305 000 | R 25 832 364 | R 14 472 636 |
| 1. Motheo College
 | R 78 388 000 | R 47 445 403 | R 30 942 597 |
| 1. Mthashana College
 | R 31 778 000 | R 14 769 095 | R 17 008 905 |
| 1. Nkangala College
 | R 52 712 000 | R 36 035 538 | R 16 676 462 |
| 1. Northern Cape Rural College
 | R 24 120 000 | R 16 608 150 | R 7 511 850 |
| 1. Northern Cape Urban College
 | R 25 851 000 | R 15 388 270 | R 10 462 730 |
| 1. Northlink College
 | R 68 888 000 | R 58 901 100 | R 9 986 900 |
| 1. Orbit College
 | R 78 177 000 | R 29 775 647 | R 48 401 353 |
| 1. Port Elizabeth College
 | R 40 803 000 | R 26 560 223 | R 14 242 777 |
| 1. Sedibeng College
 | R 56 611 000 | R 27 305 234 | R 29 305 766 |
| 1. Sekhukhune College
 | R 31 457 000 | R 15 573 012 | R 15 883 988 |
| 1. South Cape College
 | R 29 935 000 | R 19 281 734 | R 10 653 266 |
| 1. South West Gauteng College
 | R 89 312 000 | R 47 054 950 | R 42 257 050 |
| 1. Taletso College
 | R 37 722 000 | R 11 446 024 | R 26 275 976 |
| 1. Thekwini College
 | R 40 039 000 | R 22 627 176 | R 17 411 824 |
| 1. Tshwane North College
 | R 80 718 000 | R 24 492 375 | R 56 225 625 |
| 1. Tshwane South College
 | R 66 739 000 | R 21 512 091 | R 45 226 909 |
| 1. Umfolozi College
 | R 67 621 000 | R 55 443 757 | R 12 177 243 |
| 1. Umgungundlovu College
 | R 33 827 000 | R 10 313 202 | R 23 513 798 |
| 1. Vhembe College
 | R 95 343 000 | R 62 331 255 | R 33 011 745 |
| 1. Vuselela College
 | R 40 785 000 | R 17 994 264 | R 22 790 736 |
| 1. Waterberg College
 | R 31 122 000 | R 21 344 003 | R 9 777 997 |
| 1. West Coast College
 | R 41 777 000 | R 24 842 423 | R 16 934 577 |
| 1. Western College
 | R 52 858 000 | R 23 980 282 | R 28 877 718 |
|  **Total** | **R 2 437 620 000** | **R 1 353 584 088** | **R 1 084 035 912** |

1. (a) The Department is committed to improving the disbursement of bursary funds to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges in 2018. TVET colleges have three academic cycles per academic year. NSFAS plans to disburse all funds to TVET colleges by 30 November 2018. It should be noted that the amount reflected under commitment is an indicative amount not to be exceeded. Some of the commitments will not be fully claimed as payments by NSFAS depends on actual students qualifying and being admitted to colleges. After all the claims have been finalised, the remainder of the amount will then be utilized for the colleges who had more than expected NSFAS qualifying students. The indicative allocation and any remaining funds will be rolled over to the new allocation for the next financial year.

 (b) The core challenge experienced by the TVET college sector, which leads to the low disbursement of funds, is that very few students are committed to signing the Schedule of Particulars (SoPs). The Department has agreed that NSFAS should consider an alternative option where registration data is used, signed off by the Accounting Officer (College Principal), to substitute the SoP requirement. This will lead to improved disbursement of funds to several institutions. NSFAS has over the last few weeks deployed officials to TVET colleges to expedite the disbursement process and as such, payments have been made weekly to institutions to ensure that they receive funds owed to them. Colleges have been trying to manage the funding of poor students in the interim through their own reserves or seeking advances on their subsidies from the Department. In some cases students had to find funding for themselves which is an untenable situation.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Minister signs Parliamentary Question 3883.

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DIRECTOR–GENERAL: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE:

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 3883 IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED / AMENDED.

COMMENTS

PROF HB MKHIZE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE: