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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 397**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 03 OF 2019**

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

(1) (a) What measures are being applied to calculate the (i) number of learners and (ii) cost-effectiveness of the community education and training (CET) college sector and (b) how do the various colleges rank in this respect;

(2) for each CET college and for each level, what was the number of (a) subject entries, (b) learners who actually wrote external examinations and (c) learners that passed their external examinations or assessments in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017 and (iii) 2018?

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**REPLY:**

(1) The Community Education and Training (CET) colleges continue to be funded as they were before migration from the Provincial Education Departments. At the moment there are no measures applied to calculate both the number of students and cost allocation. The CET system continues to rely on headcount enrolments, as there has not been a determination of full-time equivalents. The Department is in the process of developing funding norms, which will inform the calculations, cost-effectiveness and the ranking colleges in terms of funding.

(2) Verified data for the 2018 exam cycle is not yet available.

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| **2016 Academic Year** | | | | |
| **CET College** | **Number of Candidates** | **Wrote** | **Passed** | **Completion Rate (%)** |
| Eastern Cape | 11 155 | 6 937 | 2 720 | 39.2 |
| Free State | 4 216 | 3 682 | 1 205 | 32.7 |
| Gauteng | 14 392 | 10 792 | 3 381 | 31.3 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 24 057 | 16 934 | 6 845 | 40.4 |
| Limpopo | 22 103 | 19 485 | 7 213 | 37.0 |
| Mpumalanga | 10 101 | 7 882 | 2 696 | 34.2 |
| Northern Cape | 2 165 | 1 856 | 519 | 28.0 |
| North-West | 9 226 | 8 116 | 2 502 | 30.8 |
| Western Cape | 3 075 | 2 421 | 943 | 39.0 |
| **Total** | **100 490** | **78 105** | **28 024** | **35.9** |
| **2017 Academic Year** | | | | |
| **CET College** | **Number of Candidates** | **Wrote** | **Passed** | **Completion Rate (%)** |
| Eastern Cape | 12 695 | 8 970 | 3 945 | 44.0 |
| Free State | 4 214 | 3 556 | 1 538 | 43.3 |
| Gauteng | 14 437 | 10 810 | 4 202 | 38.9 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 21 560 | 15 013 | 6 296 | 41.9 |
| Limpopo | 9 121 | 8 783 | 1 968 | 22.4 |
| Mpumalanga | 10 436 | 7 949 | 3 113 | 39.2 |
| Northern Cape | 2 178 | 1 616 | 498 | 30.8 |
| North-West | 7 992 | 6 968 | 2 495 | 35.8 |
| Western Cape | 2 503 | 1 560 | 702 | 45.0 |
| **Total** | **85 136** | **65 225** | **24757** | **38.0** |