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| **PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** |

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 445**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 23 AUGUST 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 06 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Mr F J Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

1. What are the reasons that vocational training received by prisoners in the correctional system is not accredited by sector education and training authorities (seta);
2. whether it is possible to extend seta accreditation to prison-based learning and training centres;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW1435E

**REPLY:**

1. The Department of Correctional Services offers access to Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College Programmes in partnership with Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), and receives funding from various Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) , e.g. SASSETA and the National Skills Fund (NSF) to address training needs of offenders.

DCS is currently having the following accredited training centres for offenders in the following Regions:

| **ACCREDITED: OFFENDER TRAINING FACILITIES AND WORKPLACES** | | | | |
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| **Region** | **Management Area/ Correctional Centre** | **Name of accredited Programme** | **Date of accreditation** | **Name of SETA** |
| Gauteng  Gauteng | Boksburg Steel Workshop | Welding Application and Practice | 15/01/2015 | Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MERSETA) |
| Boksburg Wood Workshop | Furniture Making: Wood | 15/01/2015 | Fibre Processing & Manufacturing SETA  (FP&M SETA) |
| Kgoši Mampuru II | Welding Application and Practice | 26/10/2016 | MERSETA |
| Automotive Repair and Maintenance | 15/01/2015 | MERSETA |
| Furniture Making: Wood | 11/04/2018 | FP&M SETA |
| Free State/ Northern Cape | Tswelopele Motor Mechanic Workshop | Automotive Repair and Maintenance | 10/12/2015 | MERSETA |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | Durban Westville Textile Workshop | Textile | 05/05/2016 | FP&M SETA |
| Pietermaritzburg | Welding Application and Practice | 14/06/2017 | MERSETA |

1. Yes, the Department is in the process of increasing the number of accredited offender training Centres.
2. The decision to make a statement will be made by the Honourable Minister.