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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 466**

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**Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology:**

(1) What amount did each sector education and training authority (Seta) spend on catering (a) in each of the past five financial years and (b) since 1 April 2019;

(2) whether any norms that Setas need to adhere to regarding spending on catering have been put in place; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

1. According to the information provided by entities, the table below shows the amount spent by each Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) on catering (a) in each of the past five financial years and (b) since 1 April 2019.

| **SETA Name** | **Amount spent on catering** |
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| **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **Since April 2019/20** |
| Banking Sector Education and Training Authority (BANKSETA) | R107 718.92 | R137 437.03 | R106 070.02  | R150 725.32 | R222 450.00 | R67 340.00 |
| Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDPSETA) | R1 231 602.88 | R1 503 452.23 | R1 339 502.44 | R1 574 235.83 | R1 747 615.28 | R6 861.18 |
| Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (FASSET) | R19 634.00 | R36 113.00 | R35 600.00 | R27 628.00 | R74 568.00 | R49 011.00  |
| Fibre Processing and Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority (FP&MSETA) | R54 313.00 | R98 080.00 | R72 318.00 | R28 392.00 | R 73 921.00 | R 32 575.00 |
| Insurance Sector Education and Training Authority(INSETA) | R22 623.50 | R86 929.70 | R87 724.95 | R157 001.94 | R204 406.98 | R64 950.00 |
| Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) | R2 204 083.51 | R1 729 209.51 | R1 532 200.20 | R2 835 886.74 | R3 103 967.84 | R639 708.32 |
| Public Services Sector Education and Training Authority (PSETA) | R347 369.64 | R422 120.78 | R384 334.67 | R352 575.40 | R473 486.08 | R155 011.65 |
| Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) | R322 212.71 | R249 702.42 | R259 125.77 | R334 222.54 | R638 351.71 | R196 704.18 |
| Food and Beverages Sector Education and Training Authority (FOODBEV) | R58 000.00 | R 94 000.00 | R115 000.00 | R117 000.00 | R105 000.00 | R71 000.00 |
| Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) | R477 193.14 | R114 133.40 | R63 630.00 | R244 232.20 | R513 745.45 | R185 994.50  |
| Transport Sector Education and Training Authority (TETA) | R131 172.07 | R108 878.40 | R80 413.35 | R115 332.25 | R76 817.65 | R35 973.60 |
| Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA) | R730 263.79 | R709 479.70 | R1 397 211.12 | R464 805.85 | R631 371.59 | R209 527.26 |
| Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) | R125 174.71 | R97 684.61 | R474 641.09 | R510 800.55 | R752 426.20 | R45 058.27 |
| Manufacturing and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MERSETA) | R212 283.00 | R290 260.00 | R356 171.00 | R409 215.00 | R427 311.00 | R243 115.00 |
| Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority(HWSETA) | R221 000.00 | R267 000.00 | R258 000.00 | R353 000.00 | R369 000.00 | R155 000.00 |
| Agricultural Sector Education and Training Authority (AGRISETA) | R58 000.00 | R94 000.00 | R115 000.00 | R117 000.00 | R105 000.00 | R71 000.00 |
| Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA | Data not available | R298 202.89 | R111 939.64 | R259 684.55 | R211 515.21 | R61 734.55 |
| Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA) | R146 373.83 | R165 439.83 | R105 011.75 | R107 111.30 | R66 160.20 | R700.00 |
| Services Sector Education and Training Authority (SERVICES SETA) | R559 582.00 | R698 426.00 | R1 056 252.00 | R960 312.00 | R1 220 218.00 | R255 584.00 |
| Mining Qualifications Authority (MQA) | R408 622.01 | R574 339.07 | R457 839.98 | R452 145.67 | R235 002.56 | R201 792.61 |
| Media, Information and Communication Sector Education and Training Authority (MICT SETA) | R54 000.00 | R122 000.00 | R117 000.00 | R190 000.00 | R249 000.00 | R131 108.00 |

1. SETAs’ spending on catering is guided by the National Treasury Instruction 02 of 2016/17 on cost containment measures. The instruction stipulates that public entities may not incur catering expenses for internal meetings, unless approved otherwise by the relevant Accounting Officer or Accounting Authority. This excludes meetings held with employees of the same institution coming from other areas other than where the meeting is held. The public entity may incur catering expenses for official engagements that lasts for five (5) continuous hours or more, including the hosting of conferences, workshops, indabas, forums, recruitment interviews, training sessions or hearings, meetings relating to commissions or commissions of inquiry, and meetings hosted by the Accounting Officer or Accounting Authority including governance committee meetings.