

REPLY:

1 (a) The Department does not collate information on the number of applications received by each institution.

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| Public University | First-Time Entering Enrolments |
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| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | 8 721 |
| Central University of Technology | 4 515 |
| Durban University of Technology | 8 564 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | 3 770 |
| Nelson Mandela University | 7 185 |
| North West University | 12 726 |
| Rhodes University | 1 455 |
| Sefako Makgatho University | 1 025 |
| Sol Plaatje University | 1 674 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | 15 100 |
| University of Fort Hare | 3 630 |
| University of Cape Town | 4 039 |
| University of Free State | 8 000 |
| University of Johannesburg | 10 500 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | 8 388 |
| University of Limpopo | 5 143 |
| University of Mpumalanga | 2 600 |
| University of Pretoria | 8 500 |
| University of South Africa | 45 000 |
| University of Stellenbosch | 5 415 |
| University of Venda | 3 376 |

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| University of Western Cape | 4 600 |
| University of Witwatersrand | 5 888 |
| University of Zululand | 4 266 |
| Vaal University of Technology | 5 069 |
| Walter Sisulu University | 7 175 |
| Total | 196 324 |

- (c) The budget cuts did not have an impact on the intake of new students for the 2023 academic as the new student intake targets were determined through the mid-term review of the enrolment planning cycle process where each institution reviewed its enrolment plan based on their available resources, such as infrastructure, human resources, finances, and sustainability. They were also required to consider the occupations in high demand, scarce skills identified and National Development Plan, amongst others.

- 2 (a) Financial support should not be a barrier for first-time entering students if they had applied for funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, qualified and registered in an approved undergraduate programme at a public university.

The Central Application Clearing House (CACH) will also provide applicants with access to career development services and where possible, an opportunity to access spaces still available within the post-school education and training system at universities, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges or in Sector Education and Training Authorities learnerships, without having to travel to institutions to try and find a space. This is also to ensure that students do not become victims of bogus institutions.

- (b) The premises of the old colleges of education are being utilised as university and TVET college campuses; schools; teacher development centres; government department offices and/or centres, including sites for provincial and district education offices, etc. There are no plans to reopen these colleges of education currently.