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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 474**

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

(1) What number of students in each faculty of each institution of higher learning in the 2018 academic year, (a) were enrolled for each (i) degree and (ii) other qualification, (b) wrote (i) exams and (ii) supplementary exams in each (aa) degree, (bb) qualification and (cc) subject, (c) passed and (d) failed each exam and/or supplementary exam that they wrote;

(2) what were the marks obtained in each subject in respect of which an exam and/or supplementary exam was written?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) Not all universities structure their faculties in the same way as some have colleges or schools. They determine within those faculties/colleges/schools their departments as deemed appropriate by each university. Data provided to the Department’s Higher Education Management Information System (HEMIS) is at a high-level according to qualification registrations and by CESM (Classification of Educational Subject Material), and not by faculty.

The Department is able to provide high-level enrolment and graduate data per CESM level. Enrolment data per university is provided in Table 1 (Annexure A) by qualification type and major field of study. In addition, data is provided per university by qualification type in Table 2 (Annexure A).

(b) HEMIS data only reflects a pass or fail result for the course completion at a full-time equivalent level to determine the overall success rate of the sector or by institution. Data on supplementary examinations are not collected. Table 3 (Annexure A) gives the success rates of students across all public universities by attendance mode (contact/distance) and by demographic population group.

(2) Marks are specific to a particular student and held by universities. This information would be subject to the universities’ confidentiality agreements with their students. The Department does not collect this level of detailed information per student, and is unable to provide it.