**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 05/03/2021**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 06/2021**

**604. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**[ê105] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

What plans will her department implement to accommodate learners who (a) did not write the National Senior Certificate examinations and (b) dropped out of Grade 12 in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

**Response**

There were 28 758 learners that registered for the examination but did not write all six subjects in the final October/November 2020 examination, which represents 4.7% of the learners that enrolled. This absenteeism rate is extremely low compared to previous years. However, all learners who registered for the October / November 2020 NSC examinations will be allowed to write the May / June 2021 examinations.  These learners will be supported through the Second Chance Matric Programme, so that they are adequately prepared to write the examinations in May / June 2021.