**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 640**

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**Ms H Bucwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(a) Whether any Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) is currently under administration, (b) on what date was each specified SETA placed under administration and (c) what were the reasons in each case?

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**REPLY:**

Three Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) are currently under administration as detailed in the table below.

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| **(a) SETA** | **(b) Date**  | **(c) Reasons** |
| 1. Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA)
 | 15 October 2014 | * Consistently not meeting its predetermined objectives.
* Serious allegations made against some board members and senior management.
* Failure to act on the recommendations of a forensic investigation commissioned by the board.
* Qualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General in the 2013/14 financial year.
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| 1. Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA)
 | 3 October 2016 | * The SETA’s decision to pull out of the initiative to support the Rural and Township Economies Revitalisation Programme which was meant to contribute to government’s Nine-Point Plan to stimulate rural and township economies, although the programme was part of its service level agreement.
* Qualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.
* Lack of unity, cohesion and cooperation required among the board members of the SETA to exercise their fiduciary duties effectively and efficiently.
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| 1. Safety and Security Services Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA)
 | 12 February 2015 | * Poor governance, which resulted in mismanagement of the Discretionary Fund and serious irregularities in a number of contracts entered into, as well as non-compliance with the Skills Development Act and its prescripts.
* Non-compliance with the Public Finance Management Act and other related National Treasury requirements.
* Consistently not meeting its predetermined objectives.
* Qualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General in the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years.
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COMPILER/CONTACT PERSONS:

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DIRECTOR – GENERAL

STATUS:

DATE:

QUESTION 640 APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/AMENDED

Dr BE NZIMANDE, MP

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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