**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 73**

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**Mr TZ Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

(1) How many students (a)(i) wrote and (ii) passed the National Accredited Technical Education Diploma examinations, also known as Report 191 programmes, in November 2015 and (b) who passed the specified examinations received their certificates as at (i) 31 August 2016 and (ii) the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) whether any of the specified students are still waiting to receive their certificates; if so, (a) by what date will the certificates be forwarded to the colleges and (b) which colleges are still awaiting the certificates;

(3) whether any of the specified students’ certificates have been withheld due to outstanding fees payable by the specified colleges; if so, (a) which colleges still need to settle their fees and (b) how many students are affected in each case?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) (i) A total of 309 693 students wrote the National Accredited Technical Education Diploma (NATED) examinations during the third trimester of 2015, i.e. November 2015 examinations.

 (ii) Of these, 180 756 students passed the examinations.

(b) (i) As at 31 August 2016, most students who have met the NATED certification requirements for the November 2015 examinations have received their certificates except for those students affected by isolated incidents of a data processing error on the examinations IT system. The figures in the table below provides a breakdown of the number of candidates who passed the November 2015 examinations and were therefore eligible to receive a certificate.

 (ii) Information as at 14 February 2017.

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| **Part-Qualification** | **Wrote** | **Passed** |
| N1 | 52 410 | 40 055 |
| N2 | 76 397 | 31 528 |
| N3 | 69 896 | 42 371 |
| N4 | 160 456 | 120 174 |
| N5 | 125 483 | 83 355 |
| N6 | 93 120 | 62 361 |
| **Total** | **309 693** | **180 756** |

(2) All outstanding certificates on the system are being addressed and the State Information Technology Agency (SITA), who is responsible for the examinations IT system, has committed to start processing these certificates by 15 March 2017.

(3) No certificates have been withheld due to outstanding fees payable by colleges.

1. Not applicable.
2. Not applicable.

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QUESTION 73 APPROVED/NOT APPROVED/AMENDED

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