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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 754**

**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister in the Presidency:**

(1) What are the full descriptions or definitions of the Strategic Objectives of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) used for measuring the performance of the NYDA against its set targets;

(2) With reference to the assertion that the NYDA was responsible for the creation of 2 868 sustainable jobs through grant funding, does he track the respective incumbents over time and/or cross-check these figures by asking for proof that these workers are registered as employees with the Department of Labour?

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**REPLY:**

1. **IMPROVED SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA**

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| * 1. **KEY PROGRAMME AREA 1: ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION**
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| **Strategic Objective 1.1.1** | **To enhance the participation of young people in the economy.** |
| **Objective statement** | Assist and facilitate youth participation leading to improvement of livelihoods through NYDA grants as financial support and non-financial support interventions. |
| **Justification**  | Youth Economic participation is a key challenge in the South African economy. The programme addresses this by enabling youth to acquire entrepreneurial skills, leading to sustainable self-employment, and creation of youth owned businesses. |
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| * 1. **KEY PROGRAMME AREA 2: EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**
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| **Strategic Objective 1.2.1** | **To facilitate and implement education opportunities in order to improve the quality education attainment for the youth** |
| **Objective Statement** | The NYDA will place approximately **18,517** learners in education opportunities, these will be young people who want to re-write their matric. |
| **Justification**  | An estimated 70% of matriculants fail or pass with marks that exclude them from enrolling with higher education institutions in the country; these young people require a second chance to improve their subject grades NYDA offers that opportunity to these young people. Some young people require financial assistance to enroll in higher education institutions; NYDA is also contributing to these young people so that they can pursue their educational careers in higher education institutions locally and abroad. |
| **Strategic Objective 1.2.2** | **To facilitate and implement skills programmes** |
| **Objective Statement** | To mobilise young people to :* Participate in technical skills programmes
* Provide job preparedness, life skills and job placement support.
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| **Justification** | Youth skills development programmes provide an opportunity for young people to learn skills at the same time provide them with practical experience of applying their acquired skills whilst they are still on training. The programmes focuses on lower end skills required by local development economies such as artisans, community workers and auxiliary workers in various fields. In addition young people will be provided with job preparedness and life skills training and job placement support with the aim of sourcing job opportunities for these young people. |

1. **ENHANCED PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN SOCIAL COHESION TOWARDS NATION BUILDING**

***This outcome area is implemented though the following programme area:***

1. **Health and Wellbeing**

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| * 1. **KEY PROGRAMME AREA 4: HEALTH AND WELLBEING**
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| **Strategic Objective 2.1.1** | **To provide health and well- being interventions to young people.** |
| Objective Statement | To increase awareness on the healthy lifestyles that promote good health practices amongst the youth of South Africa, including dangers of substance abuse, unprotected sex, nutrition, sexual transmitted diseases and the impact of HIV Infection and Aids among young people in South Africa. |
| Justification | South Africa has a high substance (drugs, alcohol, smoking) abuse problem amongst the youth, have a very high HIV infection rate amongst the youth, have a high death rate due to injury and trauma amongst the youth, therefore the NYDA needs to contribute in national efforts to improve the health conditions of young people in the country.  |

1. **ENHANCED ENABLING ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN ALL SECTORS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY**

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| * 1. **KEY PROGRAMME AREA 5: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**
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| **Strategic Objective 3.1.1** | **To create and produce information and knowledge for better youth development planning and decision making** |
| **Objective statement** | Generate information and knowledge that inform innovation of project and programme implementation to all stakeholders |
| **Justification** | This objective will contribute in generating new evidence and information on how to better plan, review programme models and set relevant and realistic indicators for youth development in South Africa. |
| **Strategic Objective 3.1.2** | **To Lobby Key Stakeholders to support and implement youth development programmes** |
| **Objective Statement** | To lobby External stakeholders to provide support to and collaborate with the NYDA in delivering Youth Development Work. |
| **Justification** | To mainstream and integrate youth development across all sectors of society. |
| **Strategic Objective 3.1.3** | **To create a platform for youth to participate and benefit from democratic processes** |
| **Objective Statement** | To create a platform for young people to promote social cohesion. |
| **Justification** | To mainstream and integrate youth development across all sectors of society. The National Youth Service Programme will play a coordination role into ensuring that stakeholders and government institutions implementation National Youth Service Programme (including the private sector and CSOs) |
| **Strategic Objective 3.1.4** | **To mobilise and leverage financial resources from key stakeholders** |
| **Objective Statement** | To mobilise and leverage financial contributions from key stakeholders to implement programmes outlined in the NYDA ACT so as to increase the numbers of young people benefiting from youth development programmes in the country |
| **Justification** | To mobilise and leverage financial contributions from key stakeholders to implement programmes outlined in the NYDA ACT so as to increase the numbers of young people benefiting from youth development programmes in the country |

1. **DEVELOP AND ENHANCE A CREDIBLE AND CAPABLE AGENCY FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

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| * 1. **KEY PROGRAMME AREA 6: GOVERNANCE**
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| **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4.1.1** | **To establish a credible, efficient and effective organisation in terms of the identified NYDA Governance identified areas** |
| Objective statement | To ensure that all NYDA systems and process support NYDA products and services for effective service delivery |
| Justification | To ensure that all NYDA systems and process support NYDA products and services for effective service delivery. The following KPI’s will be not be measures after 2017/18 Financial* Efficient and effective IT systems to support youth development
* Review of identified policies and processes for increased efficiency
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| **Strategic Objective 4.1.2** | **To provide access to information and create awareness on youth development programmes.**  |
| Objective statement | Provide information and knowledge to all stakeholders and including the youth to inform youth development processes for policy, planning, implementation and review. |
| Justification | This objective will improve the access to critical up-to-date information and lessons that can be used in improving youth development programmes and interventions.  |

 **(2)**

The jobs that are created through the grant programme fall under two categories, the first category is the beneficiary him/herself that is able to create self-employment through the receipt of the grant. The second category is where they create an additional job within the business. Verification of these jobs is through NYDA jobs verification template where the employee completes the template and signs it. Furthermore the NYDA performs aftercare visits to these business which enables the organisation to track performance of the business over time.