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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 828**

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**Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What (a) total number of students were registered at each technical and vocational education and training centre in the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019, (iv) 2020 and (v) 2021 academic years, (b) percentage of the students passed their courses within the stipulated time and (c) number of the learners dropped out and/or did not complete their studies? **NW1007E**

**REPLY:**

a) Below is a table explaining the enrolment for TVET colleges up to 2020.  The latest dataset that is published is for the 2020 academic year.  The 2021 numbers cannot be released as they are subject to change and the quality assurance of that dataset for publication the has commenced.

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| **Enrolment into TVET Colleges** |
| **2017 (i)** | **2018 (ii)** | **2019 (iii)** | **2020 (iv)** | **2021 (v)** |
| **688 028** | **657 133** | **673 490** | **452277** | Not available yet. |

b) Throughput is defined as achieving the qualification within the stipulated time.  The only qualification offered at TVET colleges for which throughput can be calculated is the NC(V) qualification which is a 3-year qualification at NQF levels 2-4.  Throughput rate is as enrolment reported retrospectively.  Thus for 2018/19 academic year, it is the 2017 academic year in question.  Students certified in 2017 for NC(V) L4 and were enrolled into NC(V) in L2 in 2015.

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| **Throughput Rate for NC(V) L4** |
| **2017 (i)** | **2018 (ii)**  | **2019 (iii)**  | **2020 (iv)**  | **2021 (v)** |
| **53.9%** | **31.8%** | **46.8%** | Preliminary and to be approved yet. | Not available yet. |

***Extracted from the departmental APP for 2022-23***

c)

Drop-out is understood as a student discontinuing his/her enrolment during the period for which he/she was enrolled.  The detailed drop-out number is attached.  Reasons for drop-out mostly are cited as personal circumstances or socio-economic reasons.

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| **Drop-out Number** |
| **2017 (i)** | **2018 (ii)** | **2019 (iii)** | **2020 (iv)** | **2021 (v)** |
| **2979** | **3346** | **3314** | **2536** | Not available yet. |