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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 835**

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**Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With reference to his reply to question 2458 on 6 December 2016, how did each international trip undertaken by management executives of the Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (a) directly and (b) indirectly contribute to increase the number of beneficiaries who received skills training?

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**REPLY:**

The Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority (HWSETA) responded as follows:

**World Skills 2015 in Brazil**

This is an international artisan skills competition held every 2 years. HWSETA was a member of the World Skills Steering Committee as representative of a cluster of SETAs. All SETAs have artisans as an indicator in the Annual Performance Plans, and support work ready graduates in various trades. HWSETA has submitted a report on this International trip to various stakeholders.

The Skills Steering Committee, of which HWSETA is a part, has drafted a full report with recommendations to the Department in order to implement some of the learning.

HWSETA visited Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges and an employer involved in community skills development in Brazil, in order to learn more about skills development in Brazil and to bring back best practice to the World Skills Steering Committee and HWSETA. Furthermore, the delegation attended presentations by the Skills Working Group of BRICS, World Skills Global Leaders Forum, and on Skills Supply and Demand as well as Skills for Sustainable Development.

The recommendations from the delegation of HWSETA to this competition has informed the HWSETA strategy going forward. HWSETA has also been able to contribute to the World Skills Steering Committee influencing future completions and increasing in the number of artisan skills showcased in future world competitions.

The International trip to Brazil was valuable in contributing to the HWSETA strategy that benefits the learners funded by the HWSETA, as well as the employers and partners, in carrying out the HWSETA mandate and strategy.

**Namibia Training Authority**

The trip to the Namibian Training Authority (NTA) was undertaken on 11 October 2016. NTA extended an invitation to HWSETA to enquire how SETAs operated within South Africa and share how NTA operated in Namibia in relation to skills development. The purpose was to learn from each other, as skills development authorities. HWSETA, as well as NTA, shared presentations on skills development in their respective countries. A discussion around their unique dispensations ensued and sharing of best practices took place. HWSETA has committed to a continued relationship with NTA to share information, experiences and advice when needed, particularly around the area of health and social sciences. The NTA team will also visit HWSETA within the coming year.

The experience of this visit allowed HWSETA to implement some best practices in its short-term strategy and future strategic initiatives to enhance skills development in the health and social sciences.

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