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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 836**

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

What (a) is the total number of learners who are not funded by National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) for the 2021 academic year, (b) number of students have been funded by NSFAS for the 2021 academic year, (c) is the total number of students who have enrolled in each institution of higher learning for the 2021 academic year and (d) number of students have been financially excluded for the 2021 academic year? ` **NW996E**

**REPLY:**

(a) All continuing NSFAS qualifying students who meet the academic and financial criteria will be funded for the 2021 academic year.

(b) Funding decisions for first-time entering students are still in the process following the announcement of the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation on 11 March 2021.

(c) The Department has not yet received enrolment data for 2021 from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges. Preliminary unaudited data will only be received at the end of April 2021.

Enrolments and registrations are still underway at many universities. The Department has not yet received enrolment data for 2021. Preliminary unaudited 2021 enrolment data will only be received at the end of April 2022 and final audited data at the end of July 2022.

Below are the approved Ministerial enrolment planning targets for 2020 and 2021.

| **Institution** | **Projected Targets** |
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| **2020** | **2021** |
| Cape Peninsula University of Technology | 35 498 | 37 027 |
| University of Cape Town | 28 037 | 28 174 |
| Central University of Technology | 18 255 | 19 098 |
| Durban University of Technology | 30 219 | 30 439 |
| University of Fort Hare | 17 310 | 17 673 |
| University of Free State | 40 271 | 40 519 |
| University of Johannesburg | 49 727 | 49 969 |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal | 47 726 | 46 829 |
| University of Limpopo | 21 995 | 22 561 |
| Mangosuthu University of Technology | 12 980 | 13 391 |
| Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 29 792 | 30 461 |
| North-West University | 63 065 | 61 054 |
| University of Pretoria | 51 978 | 52 134 |
| Rhodes University | 8 714 | 8 866 |
| University of South Africa | 376 000 | 376 468 |
| University of Stellenbosch | 31 690 | 32 380 |
| Tshwane University of Technology | 61 814 | 62 439 |
| Vaal University of Technology | 20 992 | 22 154 |
| University of Venda | 16 992 | 17 332 |
| Walter Sisulu University | 30 269 | 29 544 |
| University of the Western Cape | 24 800 | 25 060 |
| University of the Witwatersrand | 40 935 | 41 003 |
| University of Zululand | 17 920 | 18 636 |
| University of Mpumalanga | 4 218 | 5 217 |
| Sol Plaatje University | 2 512 | 3 278 |
| Sefako Makgatho Health Science University | 6 640 | 6 820 |
| **Total** | **1 090 350** | **1 098 526** |

(d) Institutions have different financial clearance concessions in place to deal with outstanding debt before students are able to be registered and to continue with their studies. The registration at various institutions is currently underway as are consultations with students. This information can only be provided upon the conclusion of these consultations and finalisation of the registration processes at each institution.