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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 841**

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**Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

With regard to his reply to question 2467 on 5 December 2016, how did each international trip undertaken by management executives of the Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (a) directly and (b) indirectly contribute to increasing the number of beneficiaries of skills training?

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**REPLY:**

The collaboration of the Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA), wholesale and retail industry, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges after the trips has resulted in the following outcomes:

* 250 Unemployed and 250 employed learners were enrolled for qualifications developed in partnership with retail companies, TVET colleges and W&RSETA.
* 11 TVET college lecturers were exposed to retail companies operations for work experiential learning.

The trips also resulted in the following:

* Work placement opportunities were created by the participating companies for all registered unemployed learners.
* The following qualifications were developed and implemented through TVET colleges:
* National Qualifications Framework (NQF) 3 National Certificate W&R Operations Retail Skills
* NQF 4 National Certificate W&R Operations Supervision
* NQF 5 National Certificate W&R Generic Management
* NQF 5 National Certificate W&R Buying and Planning
* Wholesale and Retail Schools of Excellence have been established in the following TVET colleges:
* Esayidi
* Mthashana
* Majuba
* Ethekwini
* College of Cape Town
* Vuselela
* Motheo
* Gert Sibande
* National Certificate (Vocational) Retail Qualification for NQF levels 2 - 4 have been developed in partnership with retail companies and TVET colleges. NQF levels 2 and 3 have already been successfully implemented during the 2016/17 financial year.

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