

**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1388**

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**Prof B Bozzoli (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

- (1) How many (a) beds were available and (b) applications were received for student accommodation at each of South Africa's public technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges for the start of the 2017 academic year;
- (2) how many additional beds in student accommodation are expected to be made available through (a) renovation and (b) construction projects at each TVET college during the (i) 2017, (ii) 2018, (iii) 2019 and (iii) 2020 academic years?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The Department does not have information available for (a) or (b).

The Department is currently conducting a survey to determine the number of beds available at public Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges, the findings will be communicated once completed.

The Department will also investigate and report on the number of applications received at the start of the 2017 academic year.

- (2) (a) No renovations are taking place or planned because Parliament has not appropriated any funds for this purpose. To alleviate the shortage of student housing at TVET colleges, the Department is working with the Department of Public Works to identify state buildings and land which could possibly be converted or developed for student housing. . The Department is also working with the National Treasury to investigate the possibility of using Public Private Partnerships (PPP) to provide student housing at colleges. PPP feasibility projects are being conducted for Motheo TVET College in the Free State and King Hintsa TVET College in the Eastern Cape.
- (b) Construction projects utilising available funding are listed below:
- (i) 248 beds at Umfolozi TVET College through an allocation from the National Skills Fund.
  - (ii) – (iv) Dependent on the outcome of the PPP feasibility projects being undertaken.

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