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Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs)

We are engaging stakeholders on strengthening the SETAs, and an improved system will be adopted this financial year. As legislative changes are required, I have extended the current system to March 31 2018 to allow for consultation, legislative changes and change management so that a new system can get to work in April 2018.

National Skills Fund

The National Skills Fund (NSF) continues to play a catalytic development role.

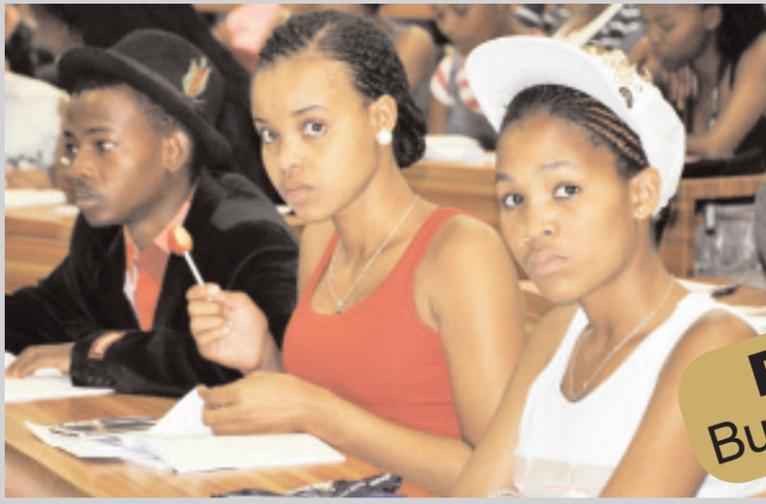
Among its many successes, let me highlight:

- The cutting-edge medical and veterinary facilities opened this year, allowing the University of Pretoria to considerably increase its student intake in these fields;
- The new work-integrated learning facilities for engineers at the University of Johannesburg, opened in November 2015; and
- The new renewable energy training facilities at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology to train wind turbine technicians.

The NSF has budgeted more than R16.5-billion towards skills development and infrastructure over the medium term, with over R6.1-billion for financial 2016/17. The funds will benefit 43 000

EMPOWERING OUR PEOPLE:

Real increases to the DHET's budget celebrated



STATE'S SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS:

We have 'a whopping 47.3% increase in baseline funding for NSFAS' – Nzimande

DHET Budget 2016



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per year and allow the construction of new TVET campuses.

The NSF this year allocated R800-million for NSFAS scarce and critical skills bursaries, and R245-million to the National Research Foundation.

This benefits over 13 500 undergraduate and over 1 200 postgraduate students.

Doctoral fellowships

Post-school education is not simply about meeting hard skills needs.

Our new National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences has awarded doctoral fellowships to 455 students, and grants to researchers, giving our universities the muscle to explore the burning issues of our time via the social

sciences and the humanities.

Budget increase

The DHET is among a very few departments able to celebrate a real budget increase, current constraints notwithstanding. On behalf of all the beneficiaries, allow me to express our profound gratitude to the President, the

Finance Minister, Treasury and my Cabinet colleagues.

For the current Medium Term Expenditure Framework, the Department's budget increases at an annual average 9.8%, from R42-billion in 2015/16 to R55.3-billion in 2018/19. The R49.2-billion for 2016/17 is an increase of R7.3-billion, 18% more than last year.

These numbers make it clear that the ANC government takes this sector very seriously and has made enormous efforts to ensure not only that extra resources are made available, but that they are used efficiently and effectively where they are needed most.

We do so because we recognise that the future of our country is inextricably linked to our ability to empower our people – particularly our young people – with the skills and knowledge to allow them to participate actively in building and transforming Africa's most advanced industrial economy. We have been an industrial country for a century and a half, and we plan to stay that way.

Conclusion

Allow me in conclusion to thank the staff of our institutions and public entities, to thank every employer who is opening their workplace to young people for training. Together we will move South Africa forward, through the provision of quality and affordable post-school education and training!

Dr BN Nzimande is Minister of Higher Education and Training. He delivered his Budget Speech to the National Assembly on April 21

2016/17 BUDGET VOTE

TVET

- Number of TVET students almost matches university students
- UWC delivers 1st postgraduate programme for TVET lecturers
- TVET students getting additional support in mathematics & English
- 2 new TVET campuses to be completed in July
- Adopt-a-TVET college initiative launched by HRDC
- Institute for the National Development of Learnerships, Employment Skills and Labour Assessments, Indlela, to produce 21,000 skilled artisans this year.

SETAS

- Improved system to be adopted in this financial year
- Extended current system to 31 March 2018 to allow for consultation, legislative changes & change management
- New system to begin in April 2018.

UNIVERSITIES

Sol Plaatje University & University of Mpumalanga

- Both universities admitted 3rd intake
- Enrolments now stand at 710 and 1,329 respectively
- R1,6 billion invested; 17 new buildings built
- Expansion in 2017: R1,26 billion

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University

- 2nd year of operation; intake 1,300 students

SA's 9th medical school

- Located at the University of Limpopo; intake 60 students
- Linked to academic hospital Presidential Project.

STUDENT HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

- To be launched at Student Housing Symposium in June
- Long-term sustainable programme to provide secure, affordable residences
- Programme to use new funding models & building technologies
- Public Works to identify under-utilised & unused government buildings
- Convert them into affordable, comfortable student housing for universities, TVET colleges.

NSFAS

- R2.54 billion for 71,753 students not funded or insufficiently funded from 2013 to 2015 can pay their debts
- 47.3% increase in baseline funding for NSFAS in 2016 - this means 405 000 students receiving government support in 2016
- Plan for "missing middle"
- In 2017, new model to be tested
- In 2018, new model to be implemented
- Presidential Commission: Investigating feasibility of fee-free education for university, TVET students.

SKILLS PLANNING

- New career guidance system before cabinet
- Occupations in Demand list
- Identified priority occupations:
- Civil engineers
- Construction project managers
- Quantity surveyors

13 TRADES:

- Bricklayers, millwrights, boilermakers, riggers
- Identifying universities, TVET colleges to upscale training in these areas.

TRANSFORMATION

- Institutions to have implementation plans by end of June
- Higher Education Bill now in parliament tasks university councils with driving transformation more vigorously
- Staffing SA's Universities Framework – nGAP:
- Filled 102 posts with black South Africans; 55 of them women
- 100 new nGAP academics to be appointed soon
- Ministerial Task Team – solutions for production of SA black academics
- R200 million from EU: implementing the Teaching & Learning Development Improvement Programme
- Developing teachers in early childhood, special needs, primary technical & vocational, community education sectors.

NATIONAL SKILLS FUND

SUCCESSES

- Cutting-edge medical, veterinary facilities opened this year at Tuks; considerably increasing its students in these fields
- New work integrated learning facilities for engineers at UJ opened in November 2015
- New renewable energy training facilities at the CPUT to train wind turbine technicians

R16.5 BILLION:

- Allocated to skills development and infrastructure over the medium term
- Over R6.1 billion for financial year 2016/17
- 43,000 students to benefit this year
- Enabled the construction of new TVET campuses
- R800 million allocated to scarce, critical skills bursaries
- R245 million to the National Research Foundation
- To benefit 13,500 undergraduates & 1,200 postgraduates
- National Institute for the Humanities & Social Sciences
- Awarded doctoral fellowships to 455 students & grants to researchers.

UNIVERSITY NO INCREASE IN FEES

- R1,9 billion of R2.3 billion shortfall addressed
- R5.7 billion for 2016/17 to 2018/19 MTEF reprioritised to manage fee increases.

OVERALL BUDGET INCREASED BY 18% BY R49.2 BIL

PROJECTED 2018/19 BUDGET R55.3 BILLION