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Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande says government wants to strengthen post-school learning and teaching.

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Universities will individually decide on the fee increases for 2017 academic year, Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande announced recently.

The Minister made the announcement at a special media briefing following the Council on Higher Education (CHE) report for 2017 fee adjustments as well as the Minister's ongoing consultations with key stakeholders.

"Our recommendation is that fee adjustments should not go above eight percent," Minister Nzimande said.

He added that universities currently face serious challenges in terms of funding, while at the same time large numbers of South Africans find it difficult to access post-school education because of financial challenges.

FAST FACT:

- Students with a family income of up to R600 000 per annum will be supported by government.
- In 2016 government provided R1.9 billion of the R2.3 billion shortfall following the subsidy on the 2016 university fee increase.
- In the 2016/17 financial year R14.5 billion has been made available to NSFAS.
- A total of 405 000 students received government support to access universities and colleges in 2016.

"Government is aware of these challenges and takes them very seriously."

The Minister said government is committed to finding the resources to support chil-

dren of all poor, working and middle class families, with a household income of up to R600 000 per annum, while subsidy funding will cover the gap between the 2015 fee and the adjusted 2017 fee.

"This will be done for fee increments up to eight percent."

Minister Nzimande said a key priority for government is to ensure that post-school learning and teaching is strengthened, and that financial sustainability of the sector is not eroded.

"Our economy is currently weak and our fiscal position parlous. The tax burden has been rising in recent years, and we must preserve the fiscal space to fund government's policy agenda in future years.

"This means that any funding government mobilises to support the pressing challenges in higher education, it would need to reprioritise from other government pro-

grammes."

He added that students' concerns about the affordability of university education were legitimate.

"At the same time, we need to ensure that those who can afford to pay must pay."

He added that the post-school budget has to cover students in technical and vocational education and training, while at the same time face the challenge of providing 18 million South Africans, who are unable to study at university, access to community colleges.

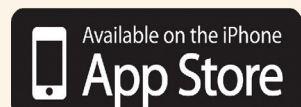
"In other words, our job as government requires a number of very delicate balancing acts."

All National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) qualifying students, as well as the so-called "missing middle" students will experience no fee increase in 2017, as government will pay for the

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Industrial parks revival to boost SA economy

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Government is investing millions into revitalising industrial parks across the country to breathe new life into communities that have been left out of the mainstream economy.

One such park is the Seshego Industrial Park that is managed and owned by the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA).

The park houses 72 factories, which include manufacturing, agro-processing, services and storage enterprises, among others. The Head of Land and Property Development at LEDA, Mouric Molepo, said they hope to see manufacturers more than any other industrialist renting space in the park because it is this sector that creates the most jobs.

Around 1 550 jobs have been created through the Seshego Industrial Park in

large industries, while small industries in the industrial park have created about 240 jobs.

Molepo said LEDA is upgrading the park.

"We have started with security features and have committed approximately R21 million. We hope to continue revitalising the facility to increase job creation and contribute to the economy of Limpopo."

Industrialisation has become more important to South Africa's expansion plans amid a tough global economic environment. Regional Industrial Cluster Chief Director at the Department of Trade and Industry, Stieneke Samuel, said the department is working on a programme to revitalise industrial parks across the country.

"In Limpopo, to date, we are looking at two industrial parks," said Samuel, adding that phase one of the Seshego development is complete.



The Department of Trade and Industry spent R21 million for the first phase of the Seshego Industrial Parks.

She envisages that the Seshego Industrial Park will create more jobs for the surrounding communities as more investors come on board.

Explaining the history of the industrial parks, she said they were initially established outside of cities to keep "certain people in certain areas".

"Ironically, skills were actually developed... You will find specialised skills

in various areas where these parks are located," said Samuel.

Minister Rob Davies explained that the first stage of the Seshego revitalisation programme focused on professionalising the industrial area, improving the physical security and eliminating non-business related activities that were taking place in the park.

The sum of R189 million is being spent on six

prioritised parks, under the department's Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme which is aimed at promoting industrialisation and increasing the contribution of the parks to job creation and the country's economic growth.

He said phase two will focus on refurbishing the buildings and some of the physical infrastructure beyond security. **V**

Mobetli ya qalang o na le bokamoso bo botle



Themba Mthembu le injene eo a e qapileng.

Thandeka Ngobese

Themba Mthembu (42) ke paki ya hore ha ho phephetso e ka emang tseleng ya ditoro tsa motho. E ne e le toro ya Mthembu ho sebetsa jwalo ka mokgati wa injene empa ho fokolaho ile ha mo tlohedisa sekolo ha a le Kereting ya 10.

Dilemo tse ka hodimo ho tse 12 – Mthembu ya tswang sebakeng sa Ingwavuma, ka leboya ho KwaZulu Natal – o ile a dula hae a iqakehisa ka ho kgata dikoloi tse nyane.

Seo batho ba tikoloho ya habo ba neng basa se tsebe ke hore ha a ntse a kgata dikoloi jwalo, ho ne ho na le tlhahiso eo a neng a e

qapa. Haufinyana tjena o ile a makatsa batho ba tikoloho ya hae ha a ba bontsha injene e ikgethileng e sa sebetseng ka peterole kapa tisele. Injene ena e hloka feela beteri mme e hokahanya diteloupong tse robedi,

"Ke thabile haholo ho bona hore dilemo tsena kaofela e ne e se tshenyo ya nako hobane injene jwale e ya sebetsa."

foritjhing le televishene.

Mthembu o boletse Vuk'uzenzele hore mohopolo ona o mo fihletse ka 2013 ha naha e ne e aparetswe ke mathata a motlakase o

timang.

"Ke ile ka bokella disebediswa kaofela ho tswa jareteng ya dintho tse lahlilweng. Ho nkile dilemo tse pedi hore keqete mosebetsi ona kaofela. Ke thabile haholo haholo ho bona hore dilemo tsena kaofela e ne e se tshenyo ya nako hobane injene jwale e ya sebetsa. Jwale ke ikemiseditse ho qapa koloi e sa tlo sebedisa peterole kapa tisele," a rialo.

Injene ya Mthembu e na le diterata tsa motlakase tse tshelletseng tse hokahanngwang ka konopo ya motlakase mme hang ha e sebetsa, e duma jwalo ka lelwala.

O re haeba a ne a na le mehlodi e tshwanelehileng, ho kenyelletswa le tshetso ya tjelete, ho ka be ho mo nkile nakwana e

kgutshwane ho qeta injene e le nngwe.

"Nnete ke hore, ho ka nka nako e kgutshwane haholo hobane ka mehlodi e tshwanelehileng, nka ruta batjha ba babedi ho nthusa," a rialo.

Monnga jarete ya dintho tse lahlilweng, Bheki Gumede, o itse ha Mthembu a mo kopa dikarolo tsa ditshepe hore a etse injene ha a ka a mo nkela hloohong.

"Empa ha e le ha jwale ke mo rolela kgaebane mabapi le mosebetsi wa hae. Ke ne ke sa hopole hore motho ya tswang sebakeng sa mahaeng se kang sa Ingwavuma a ka etsa ntho e kang ena. Re filwe dineho tse fapaneng mme neho ya hae e ya makatsa. Ha kena qeaqeo ya hore o tla ya hole ha a ka tiisetse. Ke mo lakaletsa tsohle tse ntle. **V**

Ho thusa maAforika Borwa a tsietsing



Molaodikakaretso ya Tshwereng Mokobobo wa Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba, Thokozani Magwaza.

Noluthando Mkhize

Molaodikakaretso (DG) ya Tshwereng Mokobobo wa Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba, Thokozani Magwaza, o re batho kaofela ba tsietsing ba lokela ho ba le nomoro ya Setsi sa Mehala sa Bolaodi ba Dikgoka tse Amanang le Bong (GBVCC). GBVCC ke setsi sa lefapha sa mehala sa ho sebetsa bosiu le motshehare se ikemiseditse ho tsheheta le ho theosa maikutlo a diphofu tsa dikgoka tse amanang le bong.

Ha a bua le *Vuk'uzenzele* mabapi le kgwedi ya Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba, Magwaza o itse GBVCC ke le leng la mananeo aetswang ke lefapha la hae.

“Hape setsi sena sa mehala se amahantswe le sepolesa ka sesebediswa se bitswang geolocation seo se etsang hore ho be bobebe ho fumana hore mohala o tswa sebakeng sefe, haholo ebang motho o letsitseng a hlasetswe.”

Hamotho ya tsietsing a bona a sa sireletseha a ka letsetsa nomorong ena mme mohala wa hae o tla fetisetswa ho mapolesa mme wona a tla tla sebakeng seo.

O boetse a bolela hore setsi sena sa taolo se na le basebetsi ba setjhaba ba 70, mme bao bohloko ba bona e leng

Ho phahamiswa ha Ntshetsopele ya Ditsi tsa Thuto ya Bana ba Qalang Sekolo

Noluthando Mkhize

Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba le batla ho etsa haholwanyane mabapi le ho phahamiswa Ntshetsopele ya Ditsi tsa Thuto ya Bana ba Qalang Sekolo (ECD).

“Diphuputso tsa rona di bontsha hore di-ECD di bohlokwa hobane dilemo tse qalang tsa tlhalohanyo ya mohopolo wa ngwana di hlokomelwa mohatong ona.

“Diphuputso di bontshitse hore bana ba qadileng ECD ha babe le diphephetso dikolong tsa poraemari le tsa thuto e phahameng bakeng sa ho ithuta,” ho itsalo Molaodikakaretso (DG) ya Tshwereng Mokobobo, Thokozani Magwaza.

Aforika Borwa e na le di-ECD tse sa hlophiswang, tse hlophisitsweng, tse sa hlophiswang kahohle le tsa porafete, tse lokelang ho ingodisa lefapheng.

“E mong le e mong o hloka ho ingodisa

pele a ka theha ECD, haholo hobane re fumane hore di-ECD tse ding di sebetsa ka ntle ho molao.”

O boetse a eketsa ka hore lefapha la hae le batla ho etsa bonnete ba hore di-ECD bonyane di maemong a tshwanelehileng.

“Jwalo ka Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba re na le boikarabelo bakeng sa matsatsi a 1000 a bophelo ba ngwana le phumano ya thuto ya bana ba qalang sekolo.”

Re ntse re buisana le Lefapha la Thuto ya Motheo. Re bolela hore ho tloha dilemong tsa lefeela ho yaho tsenne ke boikarabelo ba rona ho ya ka phumantso ya di-ECD, empa ho feta mona, ke mang ya tla nka boikarabelo bakeng sa dilemo tse nne ho ya ho tse tshelletseng?”

Magwaza o itse ho na le di-ECD tse ngoditsweng tse ka bang 21000 tseo e leng karolo ya tsamaiso ya lefapha. ■

ba seng ba dihetse dikgala mosebetsing mme ba nang le boiphihlelo bo bohloko mosebetsing ona.

Ka kgwedi ya Pudukwana 2015, GBVCC e ne e se e amohetse mehala e ka hodiimo ho 24046 le melaetsa e ka hodimo ho 22683 ya ‘please call me’ ho tswa ho ditho tsa setjhaba tse kgathatsehileng haholo tse neng di hloka thuso.

Hape setsi sena sa kamano se fumane kgau ya *Changi-*

ng Lives Award ho tswa Dikgaung tsa 2014 tsa *Africa-Com*.

Hape se fumane kgau bakeng sa *Best Technology Innovation* ho tswa ho *Contact Centre Management Group (CCMG)* ka temoho ya ho ba setsi sa pele se momahantseing thekenoloji ya mofuta oo bakeng sa tshebetso ya setjhaba Aforika Borwa, mme ha ho potang, le dinaheng tse holang. ■

Setsi sa Taolo se ka letsetswa nomorong ya mahala ya 0800 428 428 (0800 GBV GBV) Hape baletsi ba ka kopa mosebeletsi wa setjhaba wa Setsi sa Taolo ho ikopanya le bona ka ho letsetsa *120*7867# (mahala) ho tswa selefounung efe kapa efe.

Sassa e keteka dilemo tse leshome

Noluthando Mkhize

Selemong sena Lekala la Tshireletso ya Setjhaba laAforika Borwa (Sassa) le keteka dilemo tse 10 tsa tshebetso.

Molaodikakaretso (DG) ya Tshwereng Mokobobo yo hape e leng Mohlanka e Moholo wa Phethahatso (CEO) wa SASSA, Thokozani Magwaza, o itse jwalo ka karolo ya meketeko lekala le tla sheba morao ho bona moo le hlolehileng le moo le atlehileng teng.

E nngwe ya dikatleho tsena ke hore batho baka hodimo ho dimilione tse 17 ba fumana tjelele ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.

Magwaza o itse le ha sena e le ntho e babatsehang, mo-



kgatlo o sa ntse o thulana le mathata a batho ba sa ingodisetsang ho fumana tjelele ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.

“Re bolellwa hore bana ba dimilione tse pedi ho tloha dilemong tsa lefeela ho ya ho tse tharo ha ba fumane tjelele ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.”

O ekeditse ka hore lefapha

la hae le ngodisa bakopi ba batjha ba 300 000 selemo le selemo bakeng sa tjelele ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhabamme haufinyane lekala le tla kena letsholong la thuto ho bolella batho hore ho ya ka Molaotheo ba na le tokelo ya ho fumana tjelele ena ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.

E nngwe ya diphephetso tse

tobaneng le Sassa ke tjelele e kgulwang etswang tjeleleteng ena ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.

Magwaza, eo e leng Modula-setulo wa Sehlopha sa Mesebetsi ya Matona e shebaneng le dikgulo tse etsahalang di-tjelele tsa mmuso tsa dithuso tsa setjhaba, o itse Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba le kgahlanong le dikgulo tsa tjelele ya airtime, metsi le motlakase hara tse ding, ho tswa tjeleleteng ena ya mmuso ya dithuso tsa setjhaba.

“Tjelele eo mmuso o e lefang e lokela ho fokotsa meedi ya bofuma. Sena se keke saetswa ka mokgwa o mong. Molao e sa le o bontsha hore tjelele ena e keke ya thetswa hohang.

Magwaza o itse lefapha le

tlile le diphetoho tse itseng pholiseng tse bolelang hore ha ho tjelele e lokelang ho hulwa ntle le 10% ya kuno ya lepato.

“Lefapha le re 10% Bkeng sa pholisi e le nngwe. Seo re se fumaneng ke hore batho ba na le dipholisi tse pedi kapa tse tharo mabapi le ba malapa mme ka nako e nngwe di feta 10% ena.

Hape Sassa e ikgantsha ka boiteko ba yona ba ho lwantshabobodu lebononyofonyofo.

“Re thehile bahlahlobi bao re lekang ho sebetsa le bona. Re se re na le ditho tsa basebetsi tse kgethetsweng ho sebetsa tlhahlobong ena, re batla ho fedisa bobodu le bononyofonyofo ho la Sassa. ■