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FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION 886

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Mrs D van der Walt to ask the Minister of Education:

In each of the past five years up to and including 2005, what proportion of her department's higher education budget went to (a) salaries, (b) maintenance, (c) student financial aid, (d) capital developments, (e) library acquisitions, (f) laboratory equipment and (g) research projects?

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REPLY:

The Department of Education funds higher-education institutions through the payment of block grants. This funding is pooled with other funding sources (student fees, contract income, sales of goods and services, gifts, investment income) to finance the operational and capital expenditure of institutions. No distinction is made between which funding sources finances which expenditure. The current reporting framework does not require institutions to report on how the government subsidy is spent.