

QUESTION 2871

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

1) How does the (a) content and (b) objectives of his department's Adult Education and Training (AET) programme differ from those of the Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign run by the Department of Basic Education;

2) what level of qualification does the AET certificate constitute;

3) what further educational route(s) are open to persons who acquire an AET certificate?

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REPLY:

1) (a) The content of the Adult Education and Training (AET) and Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy

Campaign programmes differs in that the AET programme goes beyond functional literacy and is considered as a post-literacy programme, which leads to a qualification. The AET programme is underpinned by unit standards that enable formal knowledge and skills to be acquired, focussing on skills programmes such as Tourism, Information and Communications Technology, Wholesale and Retail, Agriculture and Early Childhood Development.

(b) The Kha Ri Gude programme's objectives are to provide literacy and numeracy skills to those individuals who would like to learn to read and write, whereas the AET programme provides individuals with an opportunity to obtain an externally recognized qualification.

2) The AET certificate constitutes a National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 1 qualification.

3) Learners who acquire the AET's General Education and Training Certificate (GETC) may enter a vocational oriented path such as the National Certificate (Vocational) programme offered at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges or follow an academic path towards obtaining a Senior Certificate at NQF level 4.

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