

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(a) Who runs the Vulindlela Academy, (b) what are the purposes of the academy, (c) what training courses are offered and (d) what have been the successes to date?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) The Development Bank of Southern Africa runs the Vulindlela Academy.
- (b) The purpose of the academy is to provide critical training in finance, management and planning, to build human and institutional capacity and to improve service delivery in South Africa and the region.
- (c.) Training courses are offered in the areas of finance, management and planning, including the following:

Full Qualifications:

<b>Type of Qualification</b>	<b>Qualification Title</b>	<b>NQF Level</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
National Certificate	Municipal Integrated Development Planning	4	160
Further Education and Training Certificate	Municipal Finance and Administration	4	157
National Diploma	Public Finance Management and Administration	5	260
Certificate	Municipal Financial Management	6	166

Short Courses: Learning Programme/Skills Programme/Short Courses

<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>Programme Name</b>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Integrated Development Planning</li> <li>• Local Economic Development</li> <li>• Project Management</li> <li>• Infrastructure Management</li> <li>• Environmental Management/Practice</li> </ul>
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Finance Management</li> <li>• Project Finance</li> </ul>
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Governance Programme</li> <li>• Councillor Development Programme</li> <li>• Community Leadership Development Programme</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Service Excellence</li> <li>• Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Sanitation, Health and Hygiene</li> <li>• Monitoring and Evaluation Systems</li> </ul>
Computer Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS Office 2003, 2007 full packages</li> <li>• MS Office Basic, Intermediate, Advanced</li> </ul>
LGRC powered by LGNET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGRC powered by LGNET User Training</li> </ul>
Additional training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Preferential Procurement</li> <li>• Sanitation for the New Millennium</li> <li>• Workplace Skills Training</li> <li>• Financial Modelling</li> <li>• Leadership Training</li> <li>• Negotiation Training</li> <li>• Municipal Infrastructure Investment Planning</li> <li>• Community based planning</li> <li>• Basics for Local Government Policy Process</li> <li>• Governance and Institutional Arrangements</li> <li>• Local Business Environment</li> <li>• Stimulating Competition in Local Economies</li> <li>• Assessor Training, Moderator Training</li> <li>• Facilitation and Communication Training</li> <li>• Value Chain</li> <li>• Skills Development Facilitation</li> </ul>

(d) The successes to date include;

- Training of 1,537 delegates on the Local Government Network (LGNET)
- Training of 5,259 delegates in courses on finance, planning and management. This is an increase of 56% over the previous financial year

- Providing training to the Japan International Cooperation Agency on public finance and public-private partnerships to all development finance institutions in the region.
- Establishing an e-learning platform to increase the outreach of the Academy's training courses.
- Strengthening partnerships with key stakeholders such as SALGA, LGSETA, PALAMA, Local Government Leadership Academy (LOGOLA), the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and National Treasury.
- Agreed to Memorandum of Understanding with Agence Francaise De Developpement (AFD) and IDC on experiential placement of 15 young professionals to municipalities in France.