

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
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**166. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Has the National Treasury found that the Government's policy of fee-free higher education for the poor is fiscally sustainable?

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**REPLY:**

Under this new bursary scheme where funded students are not required to pay back money, the scheme is reliant on an allocation from the fiscus to meet its obligation to students in line with government's commitment in this regard. Thus, any shortfalls, should they arise, will be met by the fiscus in line with resources available in the fiscal framework.