



EFF CALLS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PLACE R171 NURSING STUDENTS AWAITING SANC EXAM

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) notes the ongoing protests by the nursing students at Gauteng College of Nursing, a public institution. The protest of the nursing students comes after the National Department of Health has failed to place over 150 of the R171 nursing students awaiting the SANC examination, this despite SANC having made provision for the students that they can be placed in registered health institutions.

It comes as no surprise that the National Department of Health is showing no commitment in alleviating our health issues by increasing the nursing personnel in our hospitals, clinics and health facilities across the country. The National Department of Health under the leadership of Minister Joe Phaahla has degenerated to its worst condition since 1994 and there have been no repercussions for the involved parties and the executive who have overseen this degeneration.

More over, the Department of Health had audacity and harshness whenever it intends to deal with its own shortcomings by holding nurses accountable. It is unacceptable that the department claims budgetary constraints when the very same department is plagued by continuous and debilitating corruption and fraud in its institutions and fails to make strides to resolve the crisis.

The EFF calls on the Minister of Health to ensure that all the nursing students be placed at health facilities with immediate effect.

The EFF further calls on the department to provide internship programs with remuneration that is cognizant of their scope of practice.

Furthermore, we call on the Department to retain all the R171 nursing students class of the year 2020. Failure to adhere to these genuine demands should result with the resignation of both the Minister of Health and the MEC of Health in Gauteng as the failure to absorb nursing students that are gravely needed by our people in our public facilities, is an exhibition of failure to lead this important department.

The realization of primary healthcare, prevention and education strongly relies on ensuring that the health personnel in our facilities is catered for in abundance as the shortage of human resource is the major contributor behind the failures of the department of health.

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