Media Response to Query: Student Accommodation – 2013
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For the 2013 academic year, the University has accommodated 10 917 students at on-campus and off-campus residences. There is more demand than supply for accommodation during the year. Over and above this, the University makes use of private accommodation in and around our campuses. Private accommodation service providers are vetted by the University. The University supports the idea of accommodating at least 30% of its student body in University administered residences. The University does not keep a waiting list of students in need of accommodation. The annual student fee for accommodation is R17 848-00.

In an effort to address the shortfall in student accommodation the University has plans to build on-campus residences. The cost of this project is more than R1 billion and a significant portion will be funded by the University. R80 million was allocated to the University by government in 2012 and for the period 2013 to 2015, funding will come from the Infrastructure and Efficiency Grants.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal has budgeted R22.200 million for the maintenance and refurbishment of its on-campus residences in 2012. This outlay represents the second highest expenditure item on the residence budget.

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