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“2018 will be no different in terms of the awarding of the Department of Water and Sanitation bursaries. These bursaries are afforded to internal deserving employees and tertiary students who pursue studies in the fields of Water and Sanitation. Further this bursary programme will continue to skill and retain required capacity in the key strategic programmes and different streams, ensuring excellence and experience as part of the career pathing strategy of the department,” the DM noted.

The learning academy in the department has an intake of 40 learners in 22 universities across the country. “We also have eight (8) interns and 44 graduate trainees who are mentored by technical managers within the department. We have now recruited 10 000 learners for training on combating water leaks in communities, today I would want to report that the first phase of learners will be completing their training in September in the current financial year, while we are continuing with second phase of the programme,” added the DM

DM Tshwete noted that Minister Nkwinti gave a new vision on how the department will continue into the third phase, working with municipalities as part of the broader built, operate, train and transfer programme within the department’s infrastructure branch.

She concluded that she was proud to announce that five of our learners who completed their artisan training are now employed; four (4) at ERWAT in Benoni and one (1) female plumber is employed as a facilitator at the Olifantsfontein Artisan Academy. “I therefore call upon our municipalities and government departments targeted as beneficiaries of this project to start preparing to absorb these artisans and address their water loss challenges. I would also like to acknowledge work done with the Public-Private sector partners. The Department appreciates the continued positive response of our institution in this regard,” the DM added.

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