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Parliament: must make helping matrics a priority

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PRETORIA — Parliamentarians must prioritise efforts to help failed matriculants or risk further economic failures, the CEO of training organisation AstroTech & BizTech said yesterday.

“Parliament needs to urgently address the challenge of close to half a million matriculants who have failed in the past two years and who have scant future prospects in a rapidly globalising world where education is the key to competitive advantage,” said Liza van Wyk.

She said failures in schools and universities coupled with exceptionally high drop-out rates are costing the taxpayer billions in wasted tuition and imperiling the economy with low skills and deepening poverty.

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