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MEMORANDUM

TO : PROCEEDINGS OFFICE

FROM : MEC FOR EDUCATION

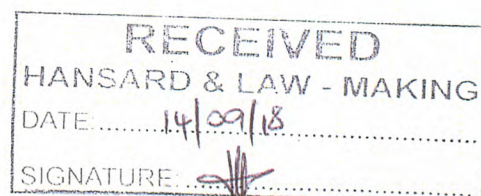
SUBJECT : PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY IQP 27 QUESTION
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QUESTION

Mr P E van Vuuren to ask

With reference to the primary and high school pregnancies that reportedly continue to plague our female youth in the province:

- (1) In light of the Educational Management Information System (EMIS), what were the pregnancy rates in the (i) 2016 and (ii) 2017 academic years in (a) high schools and (b) primary schools in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) which programme, within his Department, deals with the learners affected by these early pregnancies and (b) how does his Department protect the emotional, physical, mental and academic well-being of these learners pre- and post- childbirth;
- (3) what drastic steps his Department is taking with a view to assisting the Department of Social Development so that it can educate young learners, families and communities about the dangers and obstacles that these early pregnancies result in?



RESPONSE:

1.

PHASE/ YEAR	Independent/Private	Public	Grand Total
2016	2	341	343
COMBINED	2	50	52
LSEN		2	2
PRIMARY		10	10
SECONDARY		279	279
2017	3	346	349
COMBINED	3	56	59
LSEN		3	3
PRIMARY		9	9
SECONDARY		278	278
Grand Total	5	687	692

2. (a) The School Health and Social Planning Directorate of the Department deals with Learner Pregnancy issues.
- (b) A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed with the Departments of Health and Social Development to ensure provision of Integrated School Health Programmes in schools. In the agreement, School Health Nurses have easy access to schools to provide educate learners pre-and post-birth programmes and Social Workers assist in ensuring that the young babies access Child Support Grant and care giving services to ensure that the young mothers continue to attend school Also through the EPWP Incentive Grant, fifty (50)schools with high Learner Pregnancy and Substance Use have been allocated with Social Behaviour Change Agents to implement programmes dealing with Learner Pregnancy and Drug and Substance Use amongst learners.
3. The Department in collaboration with DSD has appointed forty six (46) Social Worker Interns in Districts to ensure provision of Psychosocial and Welfare services to learners through awareness campaigns as well as Community Dialogues to ensure increased participation of parents in the welfare of their children and visibility of DSD in schools.

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