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**1031. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to her reply to question 127 on 23 March 2017, in which it was reported that 1 449 pupils in Grades 3 to 7 fell pregnant between 2014 and 2016, did her department investigate whether or not sexual offences had taken place where pupils were younger than 16 years of age;

(2) were suspected cases of sexual abuse reported to the police; if not, why not; if so, how many cases were reported? NW1159E

**RESPONSE**

1. Schools are encouraged to report such cases to the police for further ionvestigation. The Department does not collect such data at this time.
2. The Department does not collect such data at the moment.