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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2245**

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**2245. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Has her department developed any joint plans with the Department of Social Development and/or the SA Police Service to assist learners who are engaged in substance abuse; if not, why not; if so, (a) what do the plans entail and (b) is there a specific budget allocated (i) nationally and/or (ii) to each province for the implementation of these plans? NW2479E

**Response**

The DBE has a partnership protocol with the South African Police Services (SAPS) and a close collaboration with the Department of Social Development in providing referral services for learners who are engaged in substance abuse.

1. what do the plans entail
* Linking of schools to local police stations
* Conducting searches and seizures in line with the South African School’s Act, 1996 (SASA)
* Facilitating the signing of Provincial Partnership Protocols
* Combatting alcohol and drug use amongst learners in schools
* Closure of taverns/shebeens in close proximity of schools
* Searches and seizures in schools upon reasonable suspicion of the carrying of/or trading in illegal substances or weapons
* Addressing gangsterism in schools and communities
* Crime prevention programmes in schools
1. is there a specific budget allocated
2. nationally and/or
* The national department has a budget to train and monitor the implementation of programmes by provinces.
1. to each province for the implementation of these plans?
* Provinces budget for implementation of their own programmes.