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**2969. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 2244 on 6 September 2017, (a)(i) what was the outcome of the meeting where contingency plans were discussed and (ii) what contingency plans were put in place and (b) what steps will be taken by her department against the provincial officials who are guilty of causing the delays in the finalisation of the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) and the issuing of appointment letters to the contracted service providers? NW3288E

**Response**

1. (i) The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Education Department made commitment that all learners in the affected schools and districts will be provided with meals as per the feeding calendar. The Department further deployed a team of National School Nutrition Programme officials between 25-29 September 2017 to visit districts and schools to assess the state of the alleged non-feeding. In all schools visited, there was feeding.

(ii) The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Education Department requested the service providers with capacity to apply food items to areas where there was no feeding.

1. The director-General has requested the Head of the Department in KwaZulu-Natal province to respond on all the above issues. The responses will be made available as soon as the province has responded in writing.