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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for Written Reply: Question 3605**

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**Ms Bernedette Muthien**

**DDG: WEGE**

**Date: 22 September 2015**

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**Ms. Jenny Schreiner**

**Director General: Department of Women**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 3605**

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**3605. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Women in The Presidency:**

Has her department, together with the Departments of (a) Social Development and (b) Basic Education, undertaken any (i) studies and/or (ii) interventions to address female learners’ inadequate access to (aa) sanitary towels and (bb) proper sanitation facilities in schools, including sanitary bins in bathrooms; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4272E

**Reply**

The Department of Women has not undertaken studies or interventions on the issue of sanitary towels and/or sanitation facilities in schools.

However, the Departments of Social Development and Basic Education are engaged in this matter.

In addition, there are a number of initiatives on this matter, emanating from the private sector and the non-profit sector.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date………………………..**