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**QUESTION 1035**

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**1035. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether school safety committees have been established in each school in each province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what (a) number of school safety committees are functional and (b) steps have been taken to ensure that school safety committees are (i) established and (ii) functional? NW2189E

**Response**

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) continuously conducts monitoring on the implementation of the National School Safety Framework (NSSF) in order to gauge whether schools are complying with the minimum requirements for school safety. Support is also afforded to all provinces in the form of NSSF training as a means to assist schools to establish functional School Safety Committees, conduct school safety audits and develop school safety plans.

2. Please see below statistics on the number of school safety committees established in response to (a) (b) (i) and (ii):

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| **Province** | **Functional School Safety Committees Established** |
| Eastern Cape | 3 120 |
| Free State | 1 346 |
| Gauteng | 1 860 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 5 607 |
| Limpopo | 3 592 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 488 |
| Northern Cape | 564 |
| North West | 1 284 |
| Western Cape | 1 163 |
| **TOTAL** | **20 024** |