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**1144. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether her department collects statistics on the number and origin of learners and educators who (a) migrate between provinces and/or (b) are foreign nationals; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (i) what number of (aa) learners and (bb) educators (aaa) have migrated from another province and (bbb) are foreign nationals, (ii) where did each educator and learner come from and (iii) what is the nationality of each foreign educator and learner;

(2) whether her department issued any circulars or guidelines in any of the provinces or nationally to districts or schools on foreign nationals or internal migrants; if so, will she furnish Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi with copies of each of the circulars;

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**REPLY**

(1)(a) Information on State-paid educators is captured on the PERSAL system and their origin can be traced. However, the Department does not necessarily monitor interprovincial migration of educators as it is not a priority at this stage.

(b) Similarly, information including the nationality of foreign educators that are employed and paid by the State is captured on the PERSAL system.

(i) (bb) (aaa) As indicated above, information is currently not available as the Department does not analyse information on educator interprovincial migration.

(bbb) As at August 2019, there were 1 348 foreign educators on PERSAL, excluding those that have since obtained permanent residence.

(iii) The following table shows the nationality of foreign educators currently employed in State-paid posts, excluding those that have since obtained permanent residence.

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| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | **NUMBER OF EDUCATORS** |
| BOTSWANA | 3 |
| BURUNDI | 2 |
| CAMEROON | 11 |
| COTE D'LVOIRE | 1 |
| CUBA | 1 |
| EGYPT | 1 |
| ETHIOPIA | 2 |
| GERMANY | 2 |
| GHANA | 128 |
| INDIA | 16 |
| LESOTHO | 19 |
| MALAWI | 7 |
| NAMIBIA | 19 |
| NIGER | 1 |
| NIGERIA | 42 |
| PERU | 4 |
| REPUBLIC OF CONGO | 4 |
| ROMANIA | 1 |
| SWAZILAND | 10 |
| UGANDA | 14 |
| ZAMBIA | 10 |
| ZIMBABWE | 1 050 |
| **Grand Total** | **1348** |

(2) Yes. The Department issued guidelines on the appointment of foreign educators. The copy is attached.