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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 12**

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**12. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) How many students have registered to write supplementary exams in each province;

(2) are there any measures in place to assist these students in order to pass the specified exams; if not, why not; if so, what are those measures? NW12E

**RESPONSE:**

1. The table below represents the number of full-time candidates who registered to write the 2015 supplementary examination:

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| **Province** | **Total Entered** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 22 696 |
| FREE STATE | 4 168 |
| GAUTENG | 12 518 |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 35 102 |
| LIMPOPO | 17 465 |
| MPUMALANGA | 7 097 |
| NORTH WEST | 4 043 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 2 741 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 7 785 |
| **NATIONAL** | **113 615** |

Source: NSC Computerised Exam system as per 27/02/2016.

(2) Yes. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) launched the Second Chance Programme on 6 January 2016.

The programme will be implemented in three phases, of which phase I and II will be piloted in 2016:

1. Phase I – Support to learners who qualified to write the Supplementary examinations in February/March 2016;
2. Phase II – Support to progressed learners who opted to modularise and therefore did not attempt all 6 subjects in the 2015 October/November examinations, and who will write the May/June 2016 examinations; and
3. Phase III - Support to candidates who did not meet all the requirements of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) and who will register to write the October/November examinations. This phase will be planned for in 2016, and implemented in 2017.

The pilot provides support as follows:

1. Face to face classes in two districts per province and in two venues per district chosen by the provinces;
2. The subjects offered for the pilot are Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, Physical Science, Life Sciences, Accounting, Geography, Business Studies and Economics;
3. Broadcast solutions – at venues where the Mindset content may be viewed via satellite on the HD Open View decoders;
4. Internet – Vodacom Centres/ teacher centres – learners may access content via the Vodacom website or the Department of Basic Education (DBE) website where the telematics and Internet Broadcasting Programme (IBP) video lessons, amongst others, are available, at no cost to the learner;
5. Any learner who is a Vodacom subscriber may access all material via the Vodacom website [www.vodacom.co.za/e-school](http://www.vodacom.co.za/e-school), at no cost to the learner;
6. A Face book page – ***Second Chance Programme*** has been created for learners to request information or support. Subject specialists will provide answers; and
7. All lists of available access points as indicated are available on the DBE website [www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za) with the Second Chance Link.