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**1217.  Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       What is the (a) total number of learners who make use of the learner transport programmes subsidised by her department in (i) the Republic in total and (ii) in each province and (b) breakdown of the details of the established learner transport routes in each case;

(2)       whether there are public-private partnerships to fund learner transport programmes and/or routes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what do the partnerships entail (a) nationally and (b) in each province?

**Response**

1. Learner Transport Programme is a shared responsibility between the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Transport. The provisioning of the learner transport programme, is a provincial competency; and the national Departments of Basic Education and Transport, monitor the provisioning of the learner transport programme in provinces.

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| **Province** | **(a) Number of Learners** | **(b) Learner Transport Routes** | **(c ) subsidized by her department** |  |
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| **EC** | 125071 | 1608 | Learner Transport programme is funded through the equitable share allocations to province; and not subsidised by the DBE |  |
| **FS** | 9524 | 397 |  |
| **GP** | 190857 | 677 |  |
| **KZN** | 73933 | 672 |  |
| **LP** | 57636 | 399 |  |
| **MP** | 69725 | 524 |  |
| **NC** | 25878 | 408 |  |
| **NW** | 64450 | 671 |  |
| **WC** | 64843 | 566 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **681917** | **5922** |  |

1. There are no Public Private Partnerships, as the Learner Transport programme is funded through the equitable share allocations to provinces.