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**126. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What is the current National number of registered learners at special schools for the deaf in each province?

(2) what was the (a) number of deaf learners that participated in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study in the (i) 2015, (ii) 2016 and (iii) 2017 academic years and (b) outcome of the results of reading for learning in Grade 4 in each province;

(3) what (a) was the total number of learners enrolled at each special school for the deaf for grade 1 in the 2005 academic year and (b) was the number of learners that wrote matric in the 2017 academic year? NW132E

**Response:**

(1)

Table 1 below, indicates the number of learners in special schools for the deaf, in 2017. The 2017 figures are based on special schools that uploaded to LURITS as at September 2017.

**Table 1: Number of learners in special schools for the deaf, by province, in 2017**

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| **Province** | **2017** |
| EC | 848 |
| FS | 699 |
| GP | 2 136 |
| KZN | 2 980 |
| LP | 1 299 |
| MP | 296 |
| NC | 156 |
| NW | 350 |
| WC | 1 256 |
| Total | **10 020** |

*Source: 2017 LURITS, September uploads*

2(a)(i)(ii)(ii)

The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) measured the reading comprehension levels of learners in a representative sample of mainstream public schools. Within these sampled schools, the sampling methodology, which is externally prescribed by International Association for Education Assessment, did not differentiate between deaf and non-deaf learners. There was no specific indicator to count the number of deaf learners in the 2016 Study and in previous cycles.

2(b) The Grade 4 provincial results are as follows:

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| **Province** | **PIRLS Score** |
| Eastern Cape | 290 |
| Free State | 347 |
| Gauteng | 343 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 316 |
| Limpopo | 285 |
| Mpumalanga | 313 |
| Northern Cape | 306 |
| North West | 326 |
| Western Cape | 377 |
| **National** | **320** |

*Source****:*** *2016 PIRLS*

**(**3)(a)

Table 2 below, indicate the number of Grade 1 learners in special schools for the deaf in 2005. Please note that the response rate for the 2005 annual survey for special schools was very low. Only 50% of the schools responded to the survey.

**Table 2: Number of Grade 1 learners**

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| **Province** | **Number of Grade 1 learners** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 35 |
| **Free State** | 31 |
| **Gauteng** | 91 |
| **Limpopo** | 121 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 42 |
| **Western Cape** | 75 |
| **Total** | 395 |

*Source: 2005 SNE Annual Survey*

(3)(b)

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| **Province** | **No. of Learners that wrote matric** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 15 |
| **Free State** | 9 |
| **Gauteng** | 33 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 27 |
| **Limpopo** | 19 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 0 |
| **North West** | 0 |
| **Northern Cape** | 10 |
| **Western Cape** | 27 |
| **National** | **140** |

*Source: 2017 Exam Mainframe system*