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**1323. Ms T Stander (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to the article titled *SACE takes education forward through ethics, upgrades*, that appeared in the Western Cape edition of *The New Age* newspaper on 3 April 2017, what are the constraints within the division that the SA Council of Educators refers to as preventing it from doing more work? NW1465E

**SACE RESPONSE:**

One of the biggest challenges within the division is capacity constraints. The division comprises of 3 permanent prosecutors to investigate and prosecute cases throughout the country and it has a further 2 investigators on a permanent basis.

A prosecutorial function is a specialised function that requires persons with the necessary training, skill and knowledge, preferably someone with legal or labour relations training and background.

The division makes use of trained panellists to assist with investigations and to chair disciplinary hearings. Although they are trained by the SACE, most of them still require a lot of further and continuous training.