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**1326. Adv H C Schmidt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with regard to the death of a Siphamandla Choma, a learner at Manyano Primary School in Mhluzi, following an alleged assault by the school principal, counselling has been made available for learners and educators at the specified school; if not, why not; if so, what form of counselling was made available? NW1468E

**RESPONSE**

The District-Based Support Team at Ekangala District, during the week leading up to the funeral of the said learner, provided counselling to the learner’s classmates and the class teacher. Beyond the classroom, considering the limited human resources for the counselling, a broad screening assessment was undertaken in the school to identify and target learners and educators that may require psychosocial support the most. In addition, the family members were also given psychosocial support.