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**1400. Mrs C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Educationof Basic Education**

What number of (a)(i) Braille textbooks and (ii) other books for schools have been published during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019 and (b) schools for the blind and vision impaired are still experiencing shortages of such books? **NW2614E**

**Response**

a)(1) 494 Braille textbook materials have been produced.

(a)(ii) 68 books for Reading and Literature have been produced in braille and 266 books have been produced in large print for the 22 schools for the blind.

(b) Provincial Education Departments and schools have been procuring braille

 Textbooks to ensure all learners are provided with textbooks for subjects offered at the respective schools and where master copies are available. The DBE has obtained approval for procurement and funding of braille materials. DBE is presently procuring all materials where master copies have been produced for all provinces and schools.