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**QUESTION 1441**

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**1441. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**(1) With reference to her reply to question 559 on 22 April 2016, how many of the (a) schools and/or (b) centers that cater for early childhood development (ECD) in each district in Mpumalanga receive the government subsidy of R12,00 for each learner;**

 **Reply**

**The Response was provided by Mpumalanga Department of Education**

The Department is not providing subsidy of R12.00 per leaner. The subsidy/support provided for Grade R learners in Mpumalanga consists of the stipend paid to the Grade R practitioner on behalf of the school, as well as providing schools with LTSM and equipment relevant to Grade R. The reply provided to question 559 therefore remains relevant as a response to this question.

**(2) (a) how many of the specified ECD (i) centers and/or (ii) classrooms in each district in Mpumalanga cater for the needs of learners with disabilities and (b) how many ECD practitioners are appropriately trained in the field of Special Needs Education?**

**Reply**

(a) There are no ECD centres registered with the Department of Education built specifically for the needs of learners with special needs.

(b) Only 26 ECD officials trained for differentiated curriculum with the intention to roll-it out in 2017/18 to all ECD centres. However support is provided on a continuous basis to this centres by ECD and Inclusive Education officials.