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**1458.  Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       Whether, in light of the petition and position of 100 school principals on the Cape Flats, including the principal of Athlone High School (name and details furnished), she will delay returning learners in Grades (a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 3, (d) 4, (e) 5, (f) 8 and (g) 9 back to school until the next school year;

(2)       by what date will she respond to each concern raised by the principals (details furnished)?

**Response**

The following response was received from Western Cape Education Department:

1. No. The Western Cape has no plans to delay the return of learners to schools. We also do not have the list of schools mentioned in the petition.
2. The National Minister has at various platforms spoken broadly to each of the concerns raised by Mr Hendricks. Some of the concerns require Provincial engagement. Neither the office of the Provincial Head of Department, nor the office of Ministry, in the Western Cape, has received any communication from Mr Hendricks to discuss these concerns.