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**1534.  Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:  to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) is the total number of teachers who have not returned to schools after she directed that schools reopened since the lockdown was instituted to curb the spread of Covid-19 and (b) is the breakdown of the total number in terms of each school in each province?

**Response**

(a) There are no reports of educators not returning to schools outside of the regulated absence which is either in terms of various leave provisions or as provided in terms of absence in line with the approved COVID-19 related absence. The latter would be educators at risk and those infected or affected.

(b) Refer to (a) above.