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**1591. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       What (a) was the total number of learners in each (i) quintile and (ii) province in the (aa) 2018, (bb) 2019 and (cc) 2020 and (b) are the details of the data source from which the figures were sourced in each case;

(2)       what was the total number of learners in each province according to the SNAP Survey for Ordinary Schools undertaken (a) in the past nine academic years and (b) since the beginning of the 2021 academic year?

**Response**

(1)

 (i)(ii)(aa)(bb)(cc) Table 1 **(ATTACHED ANNEXURE**) indicates the number of learners by quintile and province between 2018 and 2020. (see attached).

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| **Province** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 1 951 523 | 1 938 078 | 1,946,885 | 1,953,397 | 1,961,547 | 1,795,563 | 1,840,780 | 1,843,814 | 1,843,297 |
| **Free State** |  661 974 |  664 508 | 672,290 | 682,704 | 688,349 | 701,487 | 707,166 | 716,080 | 719,847 |
| **Gauteng** | 2 075 387 | 2 129 526 | 2,191,475 | 2,262,319 | 2,326,584 | 2,413,225 | 2,402,576 | 2,447,377 | 2,508,387 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 2 877 969 | 2 866 570 | 2,901,697 | 2,881,518 | 2,877,544 | 2,863,316 | 2,821,221 | 2,844,764 | 2,867,271 |
| **Limpopo** | 1 715 778 | 1 714 832 | 1,720,585 | 1,753,734 | 1,765,555 | 1,776,467 | 1,724,791 | 1,753,819 | 1,759,322 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 1 054 783 | 1 052 807 | 1,057,788 | 1,079,280 | 1,074,352 | 1,096,428 | 1,045,972 | 1,094,941 | 1,107,890 |
| **Northern Cape** |  277 494 |  282 631 | 289,004 | 290,139 | 292,595 | 292,377 | 295,339 | 298,888 | 304,237 |
| **North West** |  775 142 |  788 261 | 800,316 | 813,873 | 829,467 | 825,776 | 840,640 | 852,589 | 863,071 |
| **Western Cape** | 1 038 019 | 1 052 435 | 1,075,396 | 1,097,509 | 1,116,572 | 1,127,634 | 1,141,057 | 1,188,926 | 1,243,150 |
| **South Africa** | **12 428 069** | **12 489 648** | **12,655,436** | **12,814,473** | **12,932,565** | **12,892,273** | **12,819,542** | **13,041,198** | **13,216,472** |

 (b) The data provided in question i and  ii, were extracted from the 2018, 2019 and 2020 School Master list data which is also published on the Department's Website.

(2) Table 2  shows the number of learners, by province, between 2012 and 2020. Please note that the 2021 data is not yet available.

**Table 2: Number of learners in ordinary schools, by province, between 2012 and 2020**

*Sources: 2012-2016 SNAP Survey. 2017-2020 LURITS*