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**1596. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:  to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether schools can apply for financial assistance from the Government with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic; if so, (a) what are the criteria in this regard and (b) what number of (i) primary schools and (ii) secondary schools have applied in each province?

**Response**

No. There is no provision in the COVID-19 Regulations for schools in particular, to apply for financial assistance from the Government with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic.