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**1605. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether her department has conducted trial runs of the proposed comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) to be taught in public schools from 2020; if so, (a) what number of schools participated in the trial run of the CSE, (b)(i) what is the name of each school and (ii) in which province is each school that participated in the trial run of the CSE, (c) for what period of time did each school participate in the trial run, (d) how did each of the participating schools receive the CSE and (e) what amount did her department spend on conducting the trial run;

**Response:**

The Department reiterates that there is no new curriculum or topics introduced to the Life Skills (LS) or Life Orientation (LO) Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS). In South Africa, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) has been providing Sexuality Education through the LS and LO CAPS since 2000.

There has been no piloting of a new CSE curriculum.