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**1620.  Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       What total number of teachers have received psychological support (a) in each of the past five academic years and (b) since 1 January 2020;

(2)       what (a) criteria are used to determine who qualifies to receive the psychological support that her department provides and (b) total amount has been spent by her department for the provision of psychological support?

**Response**

(1) and (2) The National Department of Basic Education does not keep the requested data and the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) under the Executive Authority of the Members of the Executive Councils (MECs)  are best suited to provide the requested data.