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**1653.  Mrs D B Ngwenya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, in view of the recent incident in the Eastern Cape where it is alleged that a supplier defrauded the department and supplied sanitizers with alcohol levels below the required level, her department will conduct sample tests on sanitizers supplied to all the schools in the Republic; if not, how will she ensure that other suppliers did not defraud the department as the supplier in Eastern Cape did; if so, how is she going to implement the process?

**Response**

The Department of Basic Education does not get involved in the procurement of the sanitizers by provinces. However, we have been informed that the Eastern Cape Education Department has withdrawn all the sanitizers supplied by the implicated service provider and replaced the supplies.  We also understand that the implicated service provider is in the process of being blacklisted.