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**QUESTION 1658**

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**1658. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How many school learners utilised scholar transport provided by each provincial government (a) in the (i) 2013-14, (ii) 2014-15, (iii) 2015-16 and (iv) 2016-17 financial years and (b) since 1 April 2017? NW1864E

**Response**

 (a) and (b)

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| **Number of Learners utilising transport per province per years indicated** |
| **PROVINCE** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **(01-Apr-17** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 54 527 | 57 176  | 68 576  | 78 061 | 78 061 |
| **Free State** | 8 077 | 8 053  | 7 193  | 11 929 | 11 929 |
| **Gauteng** | 66 718 | 75 299 | 82 917 | 109 618 | 109 618 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 22 045 | 34 814  | 37 223  | 47 747 | 47 747 |
| **Limpopo** | 19 162 | 18 908  | 21 131  | 34 321 | 34 321 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 66 615 | 59 354  | 60 231  | 60 119 | 60 119 |
| **Northern Cape** | 23 424 | 22 641  | 23 640  | 23 684 | 23 684 |
| **North West** | 31 830 | 33 334  | 37 164  | 42 281 | 42 281 |
| **Western Cape** | 51 004 | 53 950  | 57 517  | 58 217 | 58 217 |

It must be noted that the number of learners transported at the end of quarter four of 2016/17 is the same as the number transported from 1 April 2017, as the number of learners transported are based on the school calendar year.