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**QUESTION 1845**

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**1845. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What is the total number of government school principals in the country?

(2) what number of the specified school principals in each province (a) has no tertiary qualification, (b) has no Grade 12 Senior Certificate, (c) has a teaching qualification from a university, (d) has a teaching qualification from an accredited education college and (e) has a teaching qualification from a further education and training college;

(3) whether any school principals at government schools in any province has a management qualification; if so, which management qualification in each case? NW2055E

**REPLY**

(1) As at the end of March 2017, there are 24 467 Principals.

(2) (a) None.

(b) None.

(c) 19 115.

(d) 2 272.

(e) Information on PERSAL that shows the actual qualification is currently not complete on the PERSAL system. It is therefore not possible to give the number of Principals with a qualification from a further education and training as part of their professional teaching qualifications.

(3) A significant number of Principals have management qualifications. This could be school-related qualifications e.g. Advanced Certificate in Education-School Leadership and Management or general management qualifications. Existing information on the PERSAL system that shows the actual qualifications in this field is not complete. It is therefore not possible at this stage to show a specific number of Principals with a management qualification.