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**1934. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) On what basis is the annual budget received by a certain high school (name furnished) in Johannesburg from her department calculated and (b) how many learners (i) attend the school and (ii) are from disadvantaged homes? NW2245E

**RESPONSE:**

The response below is as per response provided by the Gauteng Provincial Education Department:

Dowerglen High School, EMIS number 700160572, is a fee charging school. The Department allocates the annual budget to a fee-charging school, in terms of the Amended National Norms and Standard for School Funding, 2006, by taking the school’s per/learner allocation (currently set at R590.00 per annum) and multiplies it by the total funded enrolment of learners in that school. The total becomes the annual budget allocation of that school.

(b) (i)

Based on the 10th Day Head-Count for 2016, the school has an enrolment of 472 learners.

1. (ii)

There is currently no mechanism in the Department to identify learners in schools that come from disadvantaged families. However, the Regulations for the Exemption of Parents for the payment of School fees, 2005 provides for a Governing Body of a school to exempt learners who cannot afford to pay school fees on application and in terms of set criteria and to subsequently request for compensation from the Department.