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

(1) How many (a) applications were received (b) places are available, (c) learners are currently enrolled, (d) government-funded educator positions are available and (e) school governing body-funded educators are employed in each school in the (i) Edenvale, (ii) Tembisa and (iii) Kempton Park school districts for the 2017 academic year;

(2) what is the average learner to government-funded educator ratio per grade for each of the specified schools? NW213E

**RESPONSE:**

The response below was provided by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) of Gauteng Department of Education.

(1)

1. A total of 331 625 Grade 1 and 8 applications were received for the 2017 academic year.
2. In terms of the 10th day statistics, the Department had a total number of 355 420 Grade 1 and 8 learners enrolled in the schools in 2016. The Grade 7 learners in the combined schools are not accounted for in the 2017 applications as they were progressed in grade. These learners did not have to apply to Grade 8 as they were already registered in the combined schools. There is, however, sufficient space to accommodate all the 2016 applicants.
3. A total of 331 625 learners were placed as of 20 February 2017.
4. Please see Annexure A for the number of government-funded educator positions and the average learner to government-funded educator ratio for each of the specified schools in the Ekurhuleni district.
5. Please see Annexure B for the number of school governing body-funded educators employed in each of the specified schools in the Ekurhuleni district based on the 2016 data. Please note that the Department is still finalising the collection of 2017 data.

2. Please see Annexure A for the average learner to government-funded educator ratio for each of the specified schools in the Ekurhuleni district.