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**QUESTION 2170**

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**2170. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether the early childhood development centre located at a certain address (details furnished), in Gauteng, has the requisite licence to operate; if not, what action is her department taking in this regard; if so, what is the total number of (a) children in attendance and (b) facilitators employed at the specified centre;

(2) whether her department has paid any (a) subsidies and/or (b) other form of funding to the specified centre; if so, what is the total amount that has been paid in each case? NW2490E

**RESPONSE:**

1. The Department of Basic Education does not licence Early Childhood Development (ECD), Centres. The Department of Social Development in each of the provinces is responsible for the registration of the centres. The ECD centre in question is in Gauteng and the relevant contact person in the Provincial Department of Social Development is the ECD Director: Ms Keba Ntwampe at 011 227 0092 or Keba.ntwampe@gauteng.gov.za.

(a) As indicated above, the Department of Social Development will be in the position to respond.

(b) The facilitators or practitioners, as they are commonly called, are employed by the centre management and not by the Department of Social Development or Basic Education.

1. (a) This is the responsibility of the Provincial Department of Social Development, who will be in a position to respond. The Department of Basic Education does not provide subsidies to ECD centres.

(b) The Provincial Department of Education in Gauteng does not provide any additional resources, to this ECD centre. NW2490E