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**2250. Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**What steps has her department taken to ensure that appropriate career guidance is offered to deaf learners in each (a) full-service school and (b) school for the deaf in each province? NW2484E**

**RESPONSE: 2250**

(a) and (b) The Department of Basic Education (DBE) offers the following career guidance to all learners in the system regardless of the school they attend and barriers to learning they experience:

1. Through the National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Life Orientation.
2. Through the Khetha programme, the Department of Higher Education and Training, offers career information, advice and counselling services through publications, platforms and campaigns including:

* training and support through exhibitions / career services;
* a National Helpline which is manned by trained career advisers fielding calls from learners and students and providing information, advice and counselling;
* an online platform namely the National Career Advice Portal (NCAP) – to assist users to make three main decisions focusing on subject choice, career decisions, and determining job fit;
* the Apply now campaign which focuses on distributing information booklets; and
* the radio programme which provides career information on national as well as community radio stations in 12 languages.