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**2261. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**With reference to her reply to question 1851 on 6 July 2017 in which she stated that Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been sourced in some provinces to provide for learners in braille, (a) what is the nature of the specified ICT and (b) which schools in each province have utilised the ICT? NW2495E**

**Response:**

(a) A survey that was conducted in 2016 in all 22 schools for visual impairment in the country provided the following information with regard the provision of ICT sourced in some provinces to provide for learners who use Braille. According to the survey, the following ICT were sourced for schools in each province to expand access to the textbooks from the National Catalogue and reading texts in refreshable braille or audio format, or for production of braille at school-level:

1. Braille embossers
2. Graphic braille embossers;
3. Refreshable braille readers;
4. Classroom equipped with CCTV and magnification camera;
5. Laptops;
6. Cameras with keyboards;
7. Tablets loaded with textbooks from the National Catalogue;
8. Digital talking book readers

(b) The schools that have procured and utilised the ICT equipment in each Province are as follows:

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| **Name of school**  | **Province**  |
| Khanyisa  | EC |
| Filadelfia  | GP |
| Prinshof  | GP |
| Sibonile  | GP |
| Open Air | KZN |
| Bosele  | LP |
| Letaba  | LP |
| Rivoni  | LP |
| Setotolwane  | LP |
| Siloe  | LP |
| Tshilidzini  | LP |
| Silindokuhle  | MP |
| Re- Tlameleng  | NC |
| Christiana  | NW |
| Athlone  | WC |
| Pioneer School | WC |