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**2338. Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1266 on 13 July 2020, teachers who have been diagnosed with co-morbidities have returned to school; if not, why not; if so, what number of the specified teachers have returned to schools?

**Response**

As at the end of COVID-19 Alert Levels 2, a total of 22 392 educators had been granted concession to work from home or remotely in terms of Collective Agreement 1 of 2020. These educators were expected to return to work commencing on 21 September 2020 upon the inception of Alert Level 1, and the expiry of the concession granted in terms of Collective Agreement 1 of 2020. As at 09 October 2020 all affected educators had returned to work as expected, except those who had applied for and granted various types of leave in terms of the normal leave dispensation. In total 3 975 educators had not returned to work by 09 October 2020; and of these edu8cators, only 475 had not been granted leave in terms of the applicable leave dispensation.