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**250.   Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What steps has she taken to ensure that all the schools that fall within the KwaMbonambi municipal area adhere to all COVID-19 protocols, and that includes ensuring that there are sanitisers, temperature scanners and masks for all the teachers and learners?

**Response**

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the containment and management of COVID-19 in schools; and further gazetted Directions issued in terms of regulation 4(3) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), regarding the reopening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the Department of Basic Education, all Provincial Education Departments, all Education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa.  The SOPs and Directions are not municipal specific, but are applicable to the entire education system.