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**2578. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What (i) are the names and (ii) is the total number of schools that provide sanitary towels for learners, (b) what is the total number of learners that have been provided with the specified towels in the specified schools and (c) how many times in a given school calendar were the towels provided? NW2990E

1. **What (i) are the names and**

**(ii) is the total number of schools that provide sanitary towels for learners,**

After the President declared in his State of the Nation Address (SONA) in 2011 that the Government should make available sanitary dignity packs to deserving young girls and women, three provinces, namely: Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Gauteng, formed partnerships with Protector and Gamble to distribute sanitary towels to girl learners in selected schools. Currently, there is no available data on the names and number of schools to respond to question (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above. The information has been requested from the three provinces whose schools have implemented the programme.

1. **what is the total number of learners that have been provided with the specified towels in the specified schools**

Currently, there is no available data on the number of learners that have been provided with the specified towels in the implementing schools to respond to question (b) above. The information has been requested from the three provinces whose schools have implemented the programme.

1. **how many times in a given school calendar were the towels provided?**

Currently, there is no available data on the number of times in a given school calendar that the towels were given to learners in response to question (c) above. The information has been requested from the three provinces whose schools have implemented the programme.