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**2630.  Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

How does her department intend to ensure that the nature of professional misconduct by educators is reduced, given the increase in the number of such cases?

**Response**

REPLY

The Department has the Disciplinary Code and Procedures for Educators which are provided in Schedule 2 of the Employment of Educators Act (EEA), 1997 (Act No. 76 of 1998). The Code is aimed at, amongst others, promoting acceptable conduct. It is therefore, the responsibility of the employer, who in terms of section 3(1)(b) of the EEA, is the Head of the Provincial Education Department, to implement and enforce the Code.