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**2787. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total number of the (a) 12 452 072 children who received child support grants in the 2018-19 financial year, (b) 12 269 084 children in the 2017-18 financial year and (c) 12 081 375 children in the 2016-17 financial year (i) are enrolled in (aa) primary and (bb) high school and (ii) attend school regularly?

**Response**

Reply

1. b)  c) (i) (aa) (bb) & (ii)

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| **Table 1: Total number of learners who received child support grants and attend school, by phase, from 2018 to 2020** | | | | | |
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| **DATA YEAR** | **PRIMARY** | **SECONDARY** | **COMBINED** | **SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION  CENTRES (SNE)** | **TOTAL LEARNERS** |
| 2018 | 5 198 811 | 2 490 900 | 969 471 | 217 945 | 8 877 127 |
| 2019 | 5 468 742 | 2 881 247 | 1 005 639 | 82 448 | 9 438 076 |
| 2020 | [16703 878](tel:16%20703%20878) | 8 246 050 | 994 439 | 518 338 | 9 672 788 |
| **Source: EMIS & Social Pension System (SOCPEN) dataset 2018 -2020** | | | | |  |

**Note1:** Data for 2016-17 financial year is substituted by recent data for 2020

**Note2:** Data reported is based on academic year instead of financial year.