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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)** | **TOTALLEARNERS** |
| 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 |  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.