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**2788.  Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures has her department put in place to ensure that child support grant recipients remain in school until matric?

**Response**

The Child Support Grant (CSG) is part of the social assistance programme which is administered by the Department of Social Development (DSD).  However, it must be stressed that the right to basic education for all South African children is an unfettered right, provided for in our Constitution.  On the average, more than 80% of our learners are in no fee schools, which are fully funded by the State.  Therefore, learners who receive the CSG, who attend these schools, are fully covered.  But those, whose parents choose to send their children to fee-paying schools, those parents are expected to pay for their children's fees; pending the approval by the Provincial Education Departments to grant such parents fee exemptions.