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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2797. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether the paperless education system that was launched in Gauteng took into consideration the needs and challenges of blind students and students with poor vision; if not,

(2) how will her department assist blind students and students with poor vision to adapt to the specified system? NW3268E

**Response:**

1. Yes, the Department has taken into consideration the needs and challenges of blind learners and learners with poor vision by procuring the latest technology which is user-friendly and audible to support effective learning and teaching in special schools. In addition, the appropriate e-copies of Learning and Teaching Support Materials (LTSM) have also been procured to ensure adequate resources to support learners with special needs. Additional training has been provided to educators to be able to use the provided equipment to the optimal level.
2. Please see the response above.