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**2801. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**(1) What is the total number of schools for the (a) hearing impaired, (b) visually impaired and (c) learners with profound and severe intellectual disabilities that have been built in each province in the past five financial years;**

**(2) (a) what is the total number of learners with disabilities that were on waiting lists in the (i) 2016-17 and (ii) 2017-18 financial years and (b) of these learners, what number was accommodated in schools in the specified years? NW3094E**

**Responses:**

(1) (a) (b) (c) No schools have been built in the past five financial years.

(2) (a) The total number of learners with disabilities that were on waiting lists in the (i) 2016-17 and (ii) 2017-18 financial years is depicted in the table below:

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| **Province** | **(i) 2016-2017** | **(ii) 2017-2018** |
| EC | 2 106 | 0 |
| FS | 257 | 548 |
| GT | 14 081 | 852 |
| KZN | 1 363 | 770 |
| LP | 53 | 0 |
| MP | 445 | 393 |
| NC | 300 | 687 |
| NW | 16 | 72 |
| WC | Use a centralised waiting system (CEMIS) 0 | Use a centralised waiting system (CEMIS) 0 |
| **Total** | **18 621** | 3 322 |

***Source: Provincial Quarterly Stats***

(b) Learners on the waiting list are awaiting alternative placement in other schools, and are supported in their current schools until they are placed.