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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2803**

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**2803. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether learners with severe to profound intellectual disabilities in each province have been included in the LURITS or EMIS as required by its agreement with the National Treasury and the Auditor-General of South Africa, as indicated on page 71 of the 2018-19 Annual Performance Plan of her department;

(2) by what date will her department gazette and promulgate the final Draft Learning Programme;

(3) whether (a) provinces record learners at special care centres on a central database and (b) the centres are provided with an EMIS number? NW3096E

**Response:**

1. The Department of Basic Education is in the process of updating SA-SAMS to include information on Learners with Severe to Profound Intellectual Disabilities which will be provided to Care Centres as their administrative tool. This will enable them to upload data into Provincial Warehouses and thereafter to LURITS. However, this requires all centres to have computers.

In the interim, the Education Management Information System (EMIS) together with Inclusive Education Directorate have developed a survey tool to collect data on Learners with Severe to Profound Intellectual Disabilities, which was uploaded into DBE (MOODLE) platform. This platform serves as a central database for Care Centre Information, though the information is aggregated.

1. The Draft Learning Programme is envisaged to be gazetted and promulgated by 31 October 2018.
2. (a) No, learners at the special care centres are not recorded.

(b) The Department is in the process of registering Care Centres through Provincial Education Departments which will assist in obtaining EMS numbers.