**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2859**

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**2859. Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) (a) How many Grade R teachers and/or practitioners are employed in public ordinary schools and (b) what percentage of them are qualified at (i) National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level 4, (ii) NQF Level 5 and (iii) NQF Level 6 in each (aa) province and (bb) district;

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| **Province** | **aa(b) i** | **aa(b) ii** | **aa(b) iii** | **(a)** |
| **Level 4** | **Level 5** | **NQF 6 & above** | **Total (Employed)** |
| **EC**  | 82% | 4% | 9% | 4 765 |
| **FS**  | 22% | 19% | 53% | 1 270 |
| **GP** | 4% | 52% | 43% | 2 710 |
| **KZN**  | 74% | 6% | 17% | 6 486 |
| **LP** | 0% | 0% | 100% | 1 080 |
| **MP**  | 38% | 34% | 18% | 2 065 |
| **NC**  | 42% | 41% | 15% | 736 |
| **NW** | Not Submitted |
| **WC**  | 30% | 37% | 30% | 1 767 |
| **Total** | **52%** | **19%** | **26%** | **20 879** |

(bb) Provinces were only able to submit information aggregated at province

 level.

**(2) Whether qualified Grade R teachers are employed and paid as educators and not practitioners; if not, (a) why not and (b) when this will be the case?**

(a)Grade R is currently not fully-funded as part of the mainstream education system. This refers to all funding including compensation of Grade R teachers.

(b) The Department is working towards the universalisation of Grade R by 2019. It is planned that by 2019, Grade R will be fully integrated into the mainstream education system and will accordingly be funded at the same level or fully-funded as part of the mainstream education system.