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**3032. Ms L V James (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to the presentation by her department to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 28 July 2015, focusing on Kha Ri Gude which used the 2001 Census statistics, has her department compared its outcomes with the latest census statistics released in 2011; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3572E

**Response**

The Department did use the census statistics released in 2011 in planning for the future years.

As indicated in the table below, the National Census of October 2011 indicates that South Africa is now at a 8.62% illiteracy rate compared to the 17.9% illiteracy rate of 2001. This will ensure the fulfillment of the Dakar Agreement which arose from the World Education Forum in Dakar, Senegal, in April 2000 to reduce illiteracy by 50%.

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|  | 2001 | | 2011 | |
|  | Number | % | Number | % |
| **No education** | 4 567 498 | **17.90** | 2 665 874 | **8.62** |
| Some primary | 4 083 742 | 16.00 | 3 790 134 | 12.26 |
| Completed Primary | 1 623 467 | 6.40 | 1 413 895 | 4.57 |
| Some secondary | 7 846 125 | 30.80 | 10 481 577 | 33.9 |
| Matric | 5 200 602 | 20.40 | 8 919 608 | 28.85 |
| Higher | 2 151 226 | 8.40 | 3 644 617 | 11.79 |

*Source: Stats SA, Census 2011 results (Highest level of education for individuals aged 20 years and above)*

When taking into account the outcomes of the National Census of October 2011 in respect of the provincial illiteracy rate, the Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign adjusted the provincial targets for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).

This meant that the resources and activities of the Campaign will decrease in some provinces and increase in other provinces to address the provincial illiteracy rate.

The table below indicates the remaining target according to the Census 2011:

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| Province | 2011 Census  (aged 15 years and above) | 2012 Campaign  (Enrolled) | 2013 Campaign  (Enrolled) | 2014 Campaign  (Enrolled) | Remaining target according to Census 2011 |
| 1-Eastern Cape | 384 104 | 129 999 | 114 647 | 61 419 | 78 039 |
| 2-Free State | 117 105 | 49 834 | 45 601 | 24 519 | -2 849 |
| 3-Gauteng | 307 102 | 86 402 | 87 497 | 79 239 | 53 964 |
| 4-KwaZulu-Natal | 633 050 | 129 357 | 119 886 | 92 627 | 291 180 |
| 5-Mpumalanga | 504 396 | 50 894 | 47 761 | 48 162 | 357 579 |
| 6-Northern Cape | 329 949 | 8 785 | 14 098 | 11 526 | 295 540 |
| 7-Limpopo | 252 966 | 97 164 | 90 283 | 67 542 | -2 023 |
| 8-North West | 78 100 | 32 685 | 32 157 | 27 932 | -14 674 |
| 9-Western Cape | 104 648 | 15 044 | 14 434 | 16 539 | 58 631 |
| Total | 2 711 420 | 600 164 | 566 364 | 429 505 | 1 115 387 |

The following table shows the number of learners reached to date (2008 – 2014) and the targets for 2015 and 2016 in order to achieve the 50% target based on the 2001 census data.

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| Province | 2008-2014 (Enrolled) | Target learners in 2015 | Target learners in 2016 | Number of illiterates learners reached |
| 1-Eastern Cape | 835 722 | 40 199 | 40 198 | 916 119 |
| 2-Free State | 294 873 | 5 428 | 5 427 | 305 728 |
| 3-Gauteng | 538 703 | 26 782 | 26 781 | 592 266 |
| 4-KwaZulu-Natal | 826 179 | 139 868 | 139 868 | 1 105 915 |
| 5-Mpumalanga | 341 596 | 92 010 | 92 010 | 525 616 |
| 6-Northern Cape | 95 592 | 21 894 | 21 893 | 139 379 |
| 7-Limpopo | 605 562 | 125 261 | 125 260 | 856 083 |
| 8-North West | 225 033 | 80 621 | 80 620 | 386 274 |
| 9-Western Cape | 99 368 | 29 659 | 29 658 | 158 685 |
| Total | 3 862 628 | 561 722 | 561 715 | 4 986 065 |