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**QUESTION 3043**

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**3043. Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to public ordinary schools, how many Grade R teachers are (a) required and (b) employed by (i) provincial education departments and (ii) school governing bodies in each (aa) province and (bb) district;

(2) how many of the specified teachers are qualified at (a) NQF level 4 and (b) NQF level 6 in each (i) province and (ii) district? NW3583E

**REPLY**

1. **With reference to public ordinary schools, how many Grade R teachers are (a) required and (b) employed by (i) provincial education departments and (ii) school governing bodies in each (aa) province and (bb) district;**
2. (a) Grade R is currently not fully funded as part of the mainstream basic education system. Therefore, provisioning for Grade R in public schools is based on assessment of available resources including classroom space and other required resources, and thus mainly supply rather than demand-driven. Therefore, it would be difficult to determine the demand, that is, learners enrolled against teachers required.

(b) Currently, Grade R teachers are either fully employed by the state and thus in state paid posts, or employed by the School Governing Body (SGB) with their salaries subsidised by the state in the form of a stipend. Only the Limpopo and North West provinces have appointed Grade R teachers in fully-funded state posts. The following table shows information supplied by provinces on appointment by province. Information by district could not be obtained.

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| **Province** | **(b) (i) (aa) Employed by the province** | **(b) (ii) (aa) Employed by the SGB** |
| **EC**  |   | 4 765 |
| **FS**  |   | 1 270 |
| **GP** |   | 2 710 |
| **KZN**  |   | 6 486 |
| **LP** | 1 080 |  |
| **MP**  |   | 2 065 |
| **NC**  |   | 736 |
| **NW** | 1 323 |  |
| **WC**  |   | 1 767 |
| **Total** | **2 403** | **19 799** |

**Source:** Information supplied by provincial education departments

**(2) How many of the specified teachers are qualified at (a) NQF level 4 and (b) NQF level 6 in each (i) province and (ii) district?**

The following table indicates the number of teachers qualified at (a) NQF Level 6 in each province. The information for districts is not available.

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| **Province** | 1. **(i) Level 4**
 | 1. **(ii) NQF 6 & above**
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| **EC**  | 3 907 | 429 |
| **FS**  | 279 | 673 |
| **GP** | 108 | 1 165 |
| **KZN**  | 4 800 | 1 103 |
| **LP** | 0 | 1 080 |
| **MP**  | 785 | 372 |
| **NC**  | 309 | 110 |
| **NW** | 0 | 1 323 |
| **WC**  | 530 | 530 |
| **Total** | **11 545** | **5 429** |

**Source:** Information supplied by provincial education departments