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**3152. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What number of students have been unable to write matric exams as a result of the lack of necessary identity documentation in the (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017 and (d) 2018 academic years? NW3519E

**RESPONSE:**

In terms of the directive issued by the Department of Basic Education, to all Provincial Education Departments, no candidate without an identity document should be disallowed from writing the matric examinations. Therefore, we have no record of candidates that were disallowed from writing the matric examination due to a lack of identity documentation over the years mentioned.