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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION PAPER: No. 37 of 20 October 2017**

**DATE OF REPLY: 27 NOVEMBER 2017**

**3356. Mr. P G Moteka (EFF) asked the Minister of Sport and Recreation:**

Whether he will continue with the Sports Focus Schools project that was started in 2015 and (b) what have been the achievements of the project to date? **NW3522E**

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**The Minister of Sport and Recreation**

**REPLY:**

(a) Sport Focus Schools (SFS) are the pinnacle of the School Sport System and represent the first layer of our Sport Academy system as outlined in the South African Sport Academies Strategic Framework and Policy Guidelines. The SFS plays a central role in developing and nurturing talent identified by talent scouts in the national school sport leagues. It further ensures that each talented athlete has a development pathway in line with the National Federation’s Long-Term Participation Development Plan.

(b) We currently have 62 SFSes across all the 9 provinces catering for all 16 priority codes. We have about 67 learners under the Ministerial Bursary programme placed in some of the SFSes. Through the conditional grant framework, about 5% of the Sport Academies’ allocation is used to support SFSes in all provinces.