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**QUESTION 337**

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**337. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to the norms and standards which stipulate that there should be a maximum of 36 learners in a classroom at primary schools, on what basis is the Member of the Executive Council of Education in the Gauteng forcing schools to register up to 40 learners in a classroom? NW305E

**RESPONSE:**

The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) determines its educator post establishment in line with the norms provided for in terms of Gazette No. 1676 of 1998, published in Government Gazette No. 19627 of 18 December 1998 as amended by Gazette No. 1451 of 2002, published in Government Gazette No. 24077 of 15 November 2002. The GDE’s post establishment is also informed by ELRC Resolution 4 of 1995, which provides for learner to educator ratios of 40 and 35 for primary and secondary schools respectively.