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**344.. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department has a drug programme in place to assist schools with regard to the growing drug problem; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the (a) status of the programme and (b) name of each school that has benefited from such a programme?

**Response**

The National Strategy for the Prevention and Management of Alcohol and Drug Use amongst Learners in Schools, is the response to drug use/abuse by the Department of Basic Education.  This is in line with the National Drug Master Plan developed by the Department of Social Development.

a) All School Safety Provincial and District Coordinators have been trained.

b) The Provincial and District Coordinators have the primary responsibility to train the School Safety Committees.

Further information regarding the roll-out in schools is obtainable from Provincial Education Departments