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**348. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What is the current vacancy rate for (a) teachers, (b) teacher assistants and (c) principals in each province?

**Response**

(a) The table below shows the vacancy rate for teachers (Post Level 1) in each province in terms of the latest available information which is at the end of December 2021.

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| **PROVINCE** | **All PL1 Teachers** | **Number of PL1 vacancies** | **Vacancy rate** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 44 054 | 4 777 | **10.8%** |
| FREE STATE | 17 172 | 121 | **0.7%** |
| GAUTENG | 54 863 | 87 | **0.2%** |
| KWAZULU/NATAL | 72 037 | 2 237 | **3.1%** |
| LIMPOPO PROVINCE | 40 828 | 3 219 | **7.9%** |
| MPUMALANGA | 26 850 | 74 | **0.3%** |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 7 236 | 23 | **0.3%** |
| NORTH WEST | 21 786 | 89 | **0.4%** |
| WESTERN CAPE | 25 712 | 40 | **0.2%** |
| **Grand Total** | **310 538** | **10 667** | **3.4%** |

**Source:** Persal, December 2021

(b) There is currently no national policy/norms to create posts for teacher assistants.

(c)The table below shows the vacancy rate for principals (Post Level 1) in each province in terms of the latest available information which is at the end of December 2021.

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| **PROVINCE** | **Number of Principal Post** | **Number of Principal vacancies** | **Vacancy rate** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 5 190 | 1 032 | **20%** |
| FREE STATE | 1 069 | 55 | **5%** |
| GAUTENG | 2 215 | 355 | **16%** |
| KWAZULU/NATAL | 5 882 | 1 457 | **25%** |
| LIMPOPO PROVINCE | 3 732 | 850 | **23%** |
| MPUMALANGA | 1 676 | 325 | **19%** |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 556 | 108 | **19%** |
| NORTH WEST | 1 487 | 271 | **18%** |
| WESTERN CAPE | 1 525 | 334 | **22%** |
| **Grand Total** | **23 332** | **4 787** | **21%** |

**Source:** PERSAL December 2021