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

What number of staff vacancies existed at the various levels of the process of administering the National Senior Certificate examinations in the 2021 academic year?

**Response**

The DBE has collated the information from the nine Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) in terms of the vacancies at both the provincial head office level and at the district level, together with the DBE, and the table below provides the summary:

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| **Province** | **Head Office** | **District** |
| Eastern Cape | 36 | 67 |
| Free State | 5 | 10 |
| Gauteng | 43 | 5 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 72 | 174 |
| Limpopo | 8 | 10 |
| Mpumalanga | 13 | 14 |
| Northern Cape | 33 | 12 |
| North West | 15 | 3 |
| Western Cape | 44 | 2 |
| DBE | 11 |   |
| **Total** | **280** | **297** |

 These vacancies exist across the following functions:

(a) Printing, packing, distribution  and storage of question papers.

(b) Monitoring of the writing.

(c) Marking

(d) Data Capture

(e) Certification

(f) School Based Assessment

(g) System Administration

(h) General administrative responsibilities

PEDs have appointed staff on contract basis and utilised staff from other Units to assist with the examination functions, so as to ensure that the examination functions are not compromised.