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**QUESTION 3507**

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**3507. Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) How many schools in each district in Mpumalanga are paying municipalities for the use of flush toilets, (b) what amount does each specified school pay for each flush toilet and (c) how many schools in Mpumalanga do not have access to adequate flush toilets? NW4169E

**Response**

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| **District** | **Number of Schools** |
| Bohlabela | 8 |
| Ehlanzeni District | 61 |
| Nkangala | 11 |
| Gert Sibande | The province, through the district is in the process of verifying the number of schools paying Municipalities for use of flushing toilets. This information will be provided when available |

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| **District** | **Amount being paid by each school per flush toilet** |
| Bohlabela | Schools are paying on average an amount of R116.58 per month per toilet |
| Ehlanzeni District | The District is unable to quantify the amount paid per flush toilet as schools are billed differently depending on the Municipality and different Financial Reporting Standards adopted by each school.  |
| Nkangala | The District is unable to quantify the amount paid per flush toilet as schools are billed differently depending on the Municipality and different Financial Reporting Standards adopted by each school. |
| Gert Sibande | The District is unable to quantify the amount paid per flush toilet as schools are billed differently depending on the Municipality and different Financial Reporting Standards adopted by each school. |

\*\*The difficulty in soliciting the required financial management information points at different Financial Reporting Standards adopted by each school. In future, and as part of continuous improvement, there might be a need to provide guidelines to Districts and schools that would enable this type of information to be extracted with fair ease.

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| **District** | **Number of Schools without access to adequate flush toilets** |
| Bohlabela | 226 |
| Ehlanzeni District | 286 |
| Nkangala | 40 |
| Gert Sibande | 334 |

\*\*However it should be noted that In terms of the Regulations Relating to Minimum Uniform Norms and Standards for Public School Infrastructure all schools should be provided with acceptable basic services. Acceptable basic services include: *waterborne sanitation, small-bore sewer reticulation, septic or conservancy tanks, Ventilated improved pit latrines and composting toilets, Municipal water supply, boreholes, rainwater harvesting (purified) and different forms of power supply.* Therefore, the choice of appropriate sanitation technology, which includes any of those indicated above, may only be based on an assessment conducted, which will include the availability and reliability of services in the particular locality.