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**3851. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Are officials of the provincial departments of education who fail to report instances of (a) sexual abuse and/or (b) physical abuse to the SA Council for Educators (i) disciplined or (ii) prosecuted for failing to do so? NW4355E

**REPLY**

(a)(b)(i) & (ii) The Provincial Education Departments are obliged to report instances of sexual abuse and/or physical abuse to the South African Council for Educators. In terms of section 26 of the South African Council for Educators Act, 31 of 2000, the employer of an educator is obliged to provide SACE with records of disciplinary proceedings of each case against an educator where the sanction imposed was dismissal. This means that the employer must report the case after the finalisation of the disciplinary proceedings. Failing to report to SACE may lead to disciplinary action against the relevant officials.