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**4326.  Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, in light of the reported guidelines set out by her department regarding the implementation of unisex/genderless toilets and changing rooms, she and/or her department have applied their minds to the possible challenges to this new undertaking, given the total number of crimes that have reportedly taken place at schools throughout the Republic; if not, why not; if so, how will her department ensure that the specified challenges are addressed?

**Response**

Yes, the Department has applied its mind in these considerations. That is why the Department has not established any stance about unisex school facilities. Through the consultations underway, we hope to gather responsible, credible and suitable recommendations for inclusion in the guidelines.