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**4352.  Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       What number of (a) learners make use of learner transport, (b) established transport routes are used by learner transports and (c) learner transport programmes are subsidised by her department (i) nationally and (ii) in each province in each case;

(2)       whether there are public-private partnerships to fund learner transport programmes and/or routes (a) nationally and (b) in each province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what do the specified partnerships entail?

**Response**

1. Learner Transport Programme is a shared responsibility between the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Transport. The provisioning of learner transport programme is a provincial competency and the National Departments of Basic Education and Transport monitor the provisioning of learner transport programme in provinces.

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| **Province** | **(a) Number of Learners** | **(b) Learner Transport Routes** | **(c ) subsidized by her department**  |   |
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| **EC** | 125071 | 1608 | Learner Transport programme is funded through the equitable share allocations to provinces and not subsidized by DBE |   |
| **FS** | 9524 | 397 |   |
| **GP** | 190857 | 677 |   |
| **KZN** | 73933 | 672 |   |
| **LP** | 57636 | 399 |   |
| **MP** | 69725 | 524 |   |
| **NC** | 25878 | 408 |   |
| **NW** | 64450 | 671 |   |
| **WC** | 64843 | 566 |   |
| **TOTAL** | **681917** | **5922** |   |

1. There are no Public Private Partnerships as the Learner Transport programme is funded through the equitable share allocations to provinces.