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**439. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to the presentation made by her department to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 13 February 2018 on schools’ readiness for the 2018 academic year, how many of the 729 unplaced learners in the Eastern Cape, 61 in the Free State, 499 in Gauteng, 55 in KwaZulu-Natal, 71 in Limpopo, 1206 in Northern Cape, 171 in North West and 4660 in the Western Cape have (a) sight, (b) hearing and/or (c) physical impairments? NW456E

**RESPONSE**

The presentation made by my Department to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 13 February 2018 on schools’ readiness for the 2018 academic year focused solely on unplaced learners in Public Ordinary Schools. The admission of learners with special needs is handled separately at district level by officials who specialise in the identification and screening of learners with special needs. Therefore, none of the learners referred to in the presentation had any impairment.