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**448.    Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What are the reasons that the Xhariep region does not have its own District Office and what is the logic behind subjecting principals and educators to travel all the way to Bloemfontein to get services for their schools, sometimes losing up to six hours that could have been spent teaching and/or doing school-related administration?

**Response**

The information required to respond to the question is not available at the Department of Basic Education but rather the Free State Department of Education. According to the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation 103 of 1994 (PSA) s, 1, 3, 7(a)), the power to demarcate, name and organise education districts in a province vests with the Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Education, who is the executive authority responsible for the organisation of the provincial education department (PED).