**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 454**

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**454. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Which schools in the Republic have been declared hotspots for crime and violence;

(2) whether there are any interventions to curb crime and violence at the specified schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1444E

**Response**

1. See the attached list of schools declared as hotspots for the 2018/19 financial year.

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| **Province** | **No of Schools** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 202 |
| Western Cape | 147 |
| Free State | 90 |
| Limpopo | 22 |
| Gauteng | 251 |
| Northern Cape | 40 |
| Eastern Cape | 99 |
| North West | 80 |
| Mpumalanga | 414 |
| **TOTAL** | **2 345** |

1. The National School Safety Framework (NSSF) remains the Department of Basic Education (DBE) strategic response to school violence;
2. It is a comprehensive approach that coordinates and consolidates all school safety interventions in the sector;
3. It is based on a social ecological systems model which locates the school within its broader community;
4. It relies on collaboration and partnership; and
5. The INSPIRE framework provides further granularity to the NSSF focusing on seven (7) areas: Implementation and law enforcement; Norms and values; Safe environments; Parent and care-giver support; Income and economic strengthening; Response and support services; and Education and Life Skills.

The DBE also supports provinces to implement a number of interventions in response to crime and violence in schools; including for example:

1. Strengthening the School Safety Committees through training to adequately respond to the challenges school face;
2. Bullying prevention programmes roll-out in Eastern Cape
3. Anti-gangsterism joint intervention programme with South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Northern Education Region – Port Elizabeth;
4. In partnership with SAPS, searches and seizures are randomly held to seize dangerous weapons in school campuses;
5. Moral rejuvenation seminars held in all North West Education districts in partnership with the QLTC in the Office of the Premier;
6. District Safety Coordinators trained on Protocols on prevention of Corporal Punishment and Sexual Abuse and Harassment of leaners in schools;
7. After the National Summit on School violence hosted by Minister in 2018, five provinces (Gauteng, North West, Free State, Western Cape and Eastern Cape) have convened provincial summits to roll-out the Declaration and implementation of the recommendations to enhance safe learning environments and instil a culture of respect and discipline among leaners and educators.