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**563.   . Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures has her department put in place to ensure that schools are safe from burglaries and arson attacks during the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19?

**Response**

The Department of Basic Education has signed a Protocol with the South African Police Service to provide support regarding crime perpetrated by communities towards schools.  The South African Police Service are busy with these investigations and are pursuing criminal charges against the perpetrators where schools have opened cases at their local police stations.