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**588.  Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures has her department put in place to prevent schools from being vandalised?

**Response**

The Department of Basic Education has signed a Protocol on School Safety with the South African Police Service. See Attached [**Annexure A**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW588-2020-05-18-Annexure_A.pdf). Several criminal cases have been opened with the Police across the various provinces. The Police Service is investigating these acts of vandalism and criminality and the Department of Basic Education has called for the maximum sentences to be imposed on those found to be responsible for the wanton destruction of school infrastructure.