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

What measures has her department put in place to ensure that learners who were receiving meals as part of the school nutrition programme continue to receive meals during the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID 19?

**Response**

The Department is working in collaboration with the national and provincial Departments of Social Development (DSD) through the National Food and Nutrition Security Task Team led by the Presidency, through which agreement was reached that DSD will include learners from the National Nutrition Programme in their Disaster Relief and Social Relief Management Programme when distributing food parcels to households. The Department 's social and corporate partners were encouraged and referred to use the DSD distribution centres.