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**[🟊143] [QUESTION SUBMITTED FOR ORAL REPLY NOW PLACED FOR WRITTEN REPLY AS NO. 595, BECAUSE IT IS IN EXCESS OF QUOTA (RULE 137(8))]:**

**Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

Whether he has identified any improvements in the current programmes to extend the reach of water safety lessons to all citizens; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY**

Significant strides and efforts continue to be made in educating particularly learners on water safety. Some of leading initiatives being, Swimming South Africa’s Water Safety Education, popular Learn to Swim, Ocean Splash Water Safety, Lifesaving Water Safety Awareness.

One of the major barriers to ensuring that the current programmes reach all the corners of the country remains access to facilities such as swimming pools. Inadequate provision of swimming pools and poor maintenance thereof by the Municipalities has a direct impact on rate at which water safety programmes are rolled out.