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**715. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What number of learners who are eligible for learner transport do not benefit from the service and (b) what is the reason for this situation?

**Response**

1. There are **751 318** Learners who are in need of Learner Transport nationally; and **616 126** of these learners are being transported, which leaves out **135 192** Learners who are eligible for learner transport and are not benefiting from the service.
2. The reason for not transporting these learners is purely attributed to insufficient funding, as the demand for learner transport exceeds the budget allocated; which result in the exclusion of a number of qualifying learners.