NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 73

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**73. Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) number of learners have failed (i) in each province and (ii) in each of the past five years and (b) grade was failed in each case? NW1030E

**Reply: (a) (i)(ii)(b)**

Table 1: Number of learners that Failed Grade 12 (2014 – 2018)

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| **Province** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 23 158 | 37 615 | 33 734 | 23 667 | 19 340 |
| FREE STATE | 4 541 | 5 745 | 3 157 | 3 499 | 3 108 |
| GAUTENG | 15 231 | 17 115 | 15 448 | 14 458 | 11 464 |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 42 223 | 63 897 | 49 616 | 33 728 | 27 667 |
| LIMPOPO | 19 811 | 34 629 | 38 212 | 28 603 | 23 476 |
| MPUMALANGA | 9 466 | 11 751 | 12 450 | 12 210 | 9 387 |
| NORTH WEST | 4 005 | 6 168 | 5 597 | 6 330 | 5 483 |
| NORTHERNCAPE | 2 079 | 3 559 | 2 139 | 2 127 | 2 645 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 8 472 | 8 232 | 7 153 | 8 427 | 9 404 |

Source: National Integrated Examinations computer system (IECS)

Table 2 below indicates the number of learners who repeated a grade per province between 2014 and 2018. Please note that number of repeaters are used as proxy for failure as the department does not collect data in this format.

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| **rovince** | **Province** | **Grade R** | **Grade 1** | **Grade 2** | **Grade 3** | **Grade 4** | **Grade 5** | **Grade 6** | **Grade 7** | **Grade 8** | **Grade 9** | **Grade 10** | **Grade 11** | **other** | **Grand Total** |
|  | **Eastern Cape** | 14 066 | 28 564 | 24 952 | 19 778 | 18 726 | 14 234 | 11 614 | 11 766 | 10 629 | 17 803 | 34 687 | 31 193 | 10 | **238 022** |
|  | **Free State** | 365 | 4741 | 3757 | 2770 | 5289 | 4452 | 4529 | 4447 | 8706 | 13986 | 12423 | 6176 | 0 | **71 641** |
|  | **Gauteng** | 1 472 | 19 693 | 14 348 | 10 098 | 11 098 | 8 623 | 6 947 | 3 195 | 9 595 | 20 801 | 41 596 | 18 437 | 285 | **166 188** |
|  | **KwaZulu-Natal** | 8 422 | 38 940 | 23 967 | 18 159 | 17 427 | 13 326 | 11 218 | 8 392 | 22 820 | 27 467 | 57 075 | 43 211 | 295 | **290 719** |
|  | **Limpopo** | 2 354 | 18 755 | 16 563 | 13 722 | 15 740 | 12 962 | 11 214 | 6 580 | 10 980 | 58 612 | 71 992 | 34 999 | 0 | **274 473** |
|  | **Mpumalanga** | 1 722 | 17 965 | 14 406 | 11 651 | 11 764 | 10 137 | 8 308 | 7 856 | 13 416 | 13 697 | 22 348 | 18 128 | 297 | **151 695** |
|  | **Northern Cape** | 438 | 4 533 | 2 788 | 2 273 | 3 412 | 2 351 | 1 963 | 1 788 | 3 282 | 5 068 | 6 890 | 4 175 | 0 | **38 961** |
|  | **North West** | 1 711 | 14 746 | 12 177 | 9 675 | 10 567 | 7 827 | 5 949 | 4 142 | 6 374 | 17 068 | 21 587 | 10 012 | 0 | **121 835** |
|  | **Western Cape** | 3 766 | 15 273 | 8 778 | 4 624 | 9 265 | 5 375 | 3 403 | 1 541 | 4 060 | 12 321 | 10 992 | 4 805 | 188 | **84 391** |
| **2014** | **Total** | **34 316** | **163 210** | **121 736** | **92 750** | **103 288** | **79 287** | **65 145** | **49 707** | **89 862** | **186 823** | **279 590** | **171 136** | **1 075** | **1 437 925** |
|  | **Eastern Cape** | 14 260 | 38 391 | 26 949 | 21 375 | 19 841 | 14 843 | 11 863 | 12 206 | 15 013 | 18 114 | 37 482 | 27 212 | 22 | **257 571** |
|  | **Free State** | 475 | 3934 | 3110 | 2680 | 5156 | 3898 | 3060 | 5140 | 8883 | 9541 | 10937 | 5444 | 0 | **62 258** |
|  | **Gauteng** | 1 543 | 21 194 | 15 259 | 11 269 | 12 526 | 7 395 | 5 856 | 5 231 | 18 413 | 22 370 | 39 127 | 21 729 | 207 | **182 119** |
|  | **KwaZulu-Natal** | 7 344 | 34 623 | 24 754 | 19 882 | 19 510 | 13 468 | 12 023 | 11 078 | 24 136 | 28 735 | 51 157 | 45 248 | 30 | **291 988** |
|  | **Limpopo** | 2 533 | 17 969 | 16 355 | 13 289 | 15 501 | 10 108 | 8 728 | 7 667 | 15 862 | 35 155 | 54 002 | 28 337 | 0 | **225 506** |
|  | **Mpumalanga** | 2 755 | 18 461 | 13 178 | 10 590 | 10 648 | 7 828 | 6 237 | 7 623 | 13 973 | 13 212 | 22 585 | 17 014 | 51 | **144 155** |
|  | **Northern Cape** | 700 | 4 343 | 2 901 | 2 743 | 3 185 | 2 526 | 2 118 | 2 351 | 3 595 | 3 688 | 3 967 | 2 843 | 0 | **34 960** |
|  | **North West** | 890 | 7 222 | 10 162 | 12 368 | 5 791 | 3 057 | 2 344 | 2 206 | 8 174 | 7 732 | 11 881 | 4 983 | 21 | **76 831** |
|  | **Western Cape** | 3 757 | 12 341 | 7 727 | 4 295 | 9 830 | 4 052 | 2 395 | 3 108 | 7 313 | 13 131 | 10 343 | 5 439 | 159 | **83 890** |
| **2015** | **Total** | **34 257** | **158 478** | **120 395** | **98 491** | **101 988** | **67 175** | **54 624** | **56 610** | **115 362** | **151 678** | **241 481** | **158 249** | **490** | **1 359 278** |
|  | **Eastern Cape** | 13 931 | 44 332 | 24 546 | 19 087 | 18 992 | 12 861 | 9 817 | 9 027 | 13 421 | 12 199 | 37 755 | 28 245 | 0 | **244 213** |
|  | **Free State** | 1076 | 2171 | 2509 | 1756 | 3973 | 3076 | 2851 | 4914 | 15010 | 11176 | 14342 | 6255 | 0 | **69 109** |
|  | **Gauteng** | 1 816 | 27 142 | 15 723 | 11 530 | 12 407 | 6 915 | 4 783 | 4 921 | 19 804 | 18 835 | 47 658 | 27 343 | 1 005 | **199 882** |
|  | **KwaZulu-Natal** | 6 659 | 38 073 | 26 099 | 21 186 | 21 992 | 15 545 | 12 057 | 11 177 | 26 373 | 29 941 | 59 895 | 54 856 | 317 | **324 170** |
|  | **Limpopo** | 1 836 | 16 884 | 14 742 | 12 059 | 15 262 | 9 769 | 7 254 | 7 102 | 19 560 | 29 489 | 71 703 | 40 541 | 608 | **246 809** |
|  | **Mpumalanga** | 3 942 | 11 161 | 12 897 | 12 118 | 17 716 | 13 460 | 13 234 | 18 278 | 26 708 | 22 284 | 19 105 | 13 274 | 3 | **184 180** |
|  | **Northern Cape** | 630 | 4 661 | 3 445 | 2 435 | 3 592 | 2 831 | 2 304 | 2 451 | 2 894 | 3 078 | 5 390 | 3 955 | 12 | **37 678** |
|  | **North West** | 1 251 | 11 075 | 9 699 | 7 062 | 10 056 | 6 055 | 4 245 | 4 273 | 15 465 | 12 645 | 22 834 | 9 929 | 0 | **114 589** |
|  | **Western Cape** | 3 851 | 11 433 | 8 346 | 4 692 | 9 222 | 3 685 | 2 036 | 2 836 | 8 741 | 8 941 | 10 907 | 6 663 | 100 | **81 453** |
| **2016** | **Total** | **34 992** | **166 932** | **118 006** | **91 925** | **113 212** | **74 197** | **58 581** | **64 979** | **147 976** | **148 588** | **289 589** | **191 061** | **2 045** | **1 502 083** |
|  | **Eastern Cape** | 5589 | 17038 | 11844 | 11210 | 17041 | 12147 | 9169 | 9859 | 12393 | 10783 | 25108 | 18903 | 0 | **161 084** |
|  | **Free State** | 584 | 6131 | 4463 | 3349 | 7445 | 4562 | 3329 | 5975 | 7521 | 5795 | 11868 | 5769 | 0 | **66 791** |
|  | **Gauteng** | 814 | 12363 | 11968 | 12626 | 18310 | 14561 | 14314 | 20756 | 17609 | 16629 | 28011 | 17589 | 0 | **185 550** |
|  | **KwaZulu Natal** | 1485 | 21451 | 20792 | 29450 | 33490 | 25818 | 23104 | 22293 | 27952 | 29641 | 43054 | 46692 | 0 | **325 222** |
|  | **Limpopo** | 509 | 10659 | 10383 | 10693 | 17374 | 11259 | 8707 | 7118 | 18070 | 23056 | 44264 | 32711 | 0 | **194 803** |
|  | **Mpumalanga** | 227 | 5052 | 5272 | 5503 | 7045 | 4537 | 3490 | 3386 | 5224 | 6530 | 12622 | 11861 | 0 | **70 749** |
|  | **Northern Cape** | 51 | 2419 | 1574 | 1153 | 3045 | 1559 | 1247 | 1510 | 2151 | 1700 | 3890 | 2022 | 0 | **22 321** |
|  | **North West** | 77 | 1707 | 3606 | 4433 | 8711 | 4085 | 3840 | 3205 | 4224 | 4013 | 12926 | 6397 | 0 | **57 224** |
|  | **Western Cape** | 140 | 257 | 626 | 1644 | 8128 | 11191 | 7528 | 6406 | 7188 | 8012 | 8753 | 5727 | 0 | **65 600** |
| **2017** | **Total** | **9 476** | **77 077** | **70 528** | **80 061** | **120 589** | **89 719** | **74 728** | **80 508** | **102 332** | **106 159** | **190 496** | **147 671** | **0** | **1 149 344** |
|  | **Eastern Cape** | 10 141 | 25 955 | 16 721 | 13 009 | 16 401 | 9 445 | 6 478 | 7 008 | 12 329 | 9 895 | 29 151 | 22 348 | 0 | **178 881** |
|  | **Free State** | 2 114 | 8 518 | 5 309 | 3 432 | 7 627 | 4 183 | 2 499 | 4 809 | 9 026 | 5 537 | 11 192 | 5 248 | 0 | **69 494** |
|  | **Gauteng** | 2 675 | 23 080 | 18 130 | 12 390 | 14 444 | 8 714 | 5 529 | 5 138 | 21 946 | 19 583 | 44 043 | 24 831 | 0 | **200 503** |
|  | **KwaZulu Natal** | 3 749 | 29 636 | 16 902 | 15 717 | 17 489 | 11 400 | 7 565 | 6 551 | 24 134 | 21 642 | 44 804 | 43 067 | 0 | **242 656** |
|  | **Limpopo** | 2 150 | 17 888 | 16 457 | 6 493 | 24 300 | 14 663 | 10 300 | 9 423 | 36 520 | 36 104 | 70 872 | 52 203 | 0 | **297 373** |
|  | **Mpumalanga** | 1 219 | 11 781 | 8 483 | 13 766 | 7 023 | 3 967 | 2 773 | 3 440 | 9 042 | 8 404 | 19 785 | 16 805 | 0 | **106 488** |
|  | **Northern Cape** | 299 | 3 961 | 2 820 | 2 013 | 3 904 | 2 396 | 1 868 | 2 193 | 3 334 | 2 624 | 5 040 | 2 602 | 0 | **33 054** |
|  | **North West** | 747 | 6 964 | 6 128 | 5 174 | 9 490 | 4 114 | 3 733 | 2 845 | 11 008 | 6 455 | 14 319 | 6 701 | 0 | **77 678** |
|  | **Western Cape** | 4 327 | 9 405 | 7 660 | 5 486 | 8 562 | 3 514 | 1 781 | 2 352 | 6 625 | 4 547 | 11 167 | 5 993 | 0 | **71 419** |
| **2018** | **Total** | **27 421** | **137 188** | **98 610** | **77 480** | **109 240** | **62 396** | **42 526** | **43 759** | **133 964** | **114 791** | **250 373** | **179 798** | **0** | **1 277 546** |

Source 1: 2014-16 Annual School Survey

Source 2: 2017-18 LURITS