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**QUESTION 758**

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**758. Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What screening processes do teachers go through in order to determine whether they are sexual offenders or not before they are appointed? NW881E

**REPLY**

The Department of Basic Education is currently embarking on a process to strengthen measures related to the appointment of educators in general and in particular school-based educators. This includes, among other measures, a protocol clarifying the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders with regards to vetting of educators and all other staff employed in positions where they will have contact with learners. The key stakeholders include the Departments of Social Development, Justice and Constitutional Development; the South African Council of Educators and the School Governing Body Associations.