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**759.    Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What measures have been put in place by her department to develop a curriculum that empowers the youth to be manufacturers and producers of goods and services, which can be consumed in the communities where they reside?

**Response**

The Department of Basic Education has introduced the Three-Stream Curriculum Model. Through this Model the DBE seeks to strengthen the offerings of subjects that equip learners with skills and competencies that enables them to fix, maintain and build products, such subjects include woodworking where learners are able to build chairs, tables, cabinets just to give an example.

Learners also offer hospitality subjects, where learners amongst others learn how to cook.  The products produced through learning these subjects may be sold during open days at schools as well as to individuals who are willing to purchase them.

Children in Agricultural schools are not only taught how to produce agricultural produce, but are also taught entrepreneurial skills, and how to access the markets to sell their produce.

These are some of the efforts of the Department offer curriculum that teach learners how to manufacture and produce goods and services which can be consumed by communities they reside in.