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QUESTION 835

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835. Mr G R Davis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) (a) How many schools across the country have introduced Mandarin as an optional subject since the start of the 2016 school year, (b) (i) what is the name of each specified school and (ii) which province is it situated in and (c) how many schools does her department envisage will offer Mandarin as an optional subject in the next five academic years and (d) which schools are eanarked to introduce Mandarin in the next five academic years;

(2) (a) with reference to her reply to question 3645 on 19 October 2015, how many Chinese teachers have been brought to South Africa to teach Mandarin in our schools to date, (b) what was the cost of (i) relocating the specified teachers and (ii) paying their salaries and (c) is this cost borne by (i) her department, (ii) the Provincial Government concerned or (iii) another source in each case providing the relevant details;

(3) how many South African teachers (a) are currently qualified to teach Mandarin, (b) will be trained to teach Mandarin in the next five academic years and (c) will be sent to China to learn how to teach Mandarin in the specified period? NW954E

**Response:**

(a) Forty three Schools (43).
(b) (i)

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