**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 838**

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**838. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to the 2015 Corruption Watch Annual Report, which found that the education sector was the most corrupt sector in South Africa and that, specifically, principals were the culprits in the majority of corruption cases, (a) how many principals have been investigated for corruption (i) in the (aa) 2011, (bb) 2012, (cc) 2013, (dd) 2014 and (ee) 2015 academic years and (ii) since 1 January 2016 and (b) what are the names of the schools at which principals are currently being investigated for corruption, in each case specifying (i) the date from which the specified principal has been under investigation, (ii) whether or not the specified principal has been suspended on full pay, (iii) the monthly salary of each principal suspended on full pay and (iv) whether a temporary replacement is currently carrying out the duties of the specified principals at each school;

(2) how many of the specified principals have been (a) criminally charged on corruption related activities, (b) criminally convicted for corruption related activities and (c) dismissed from their posts as a result of corruption related activities during the specified financial years and period;

(3) what steps is her department taking to root out corruption in the education sector? NW957E

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Since the employer of educators is the Heads of the Provincial Education Departments, in terms of the Employment of Educators Act, 76 of 1998, the Question was forwarded to the relevant officials in all the Provincial Education Departments with a request that they provide the DBE with response and to date, no response have been received, except from the Western Cape, Limpopo and Free State Education Departments.

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| **PROVINCE** | **No. OF PRINCIPALS SUSPENDED** |
| **(aa) 2011** | **(bb) 2012** | **(cc) 2013** | **(dd) 2014** | **(ee) 2015** | **TOTAL** |
| Western Cape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Gauteng | 38 | 72 | 71 | 41 | 114 | **336** |
| Limpopo | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| Northern Cape |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mpumalanga |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KwaZulu-Natal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North West |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Eastern Cape |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **39** | **72** | **72** | **41** | **114** | **338** |

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| **PROVINCE** | **(b) Schools that are currently under investigation since 1 Jan 2016** | **(i)** | **(ii) Suspended on full pay or Not** | **(iii)** | **(vi) Temporary Replacement** |
| **Names of Schools** | **The Date from which the Principal has been under investigation** | **On Full Pay** | **Not on Full Pay** | **Monthly Salary** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Western Cape | None | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Gauteng | none | none | none | none | none | none | none |
| Limpopo | Shingwedzi Secondary School | Not indicated | yes |  | Not indicated |  |  |
| Northern Cape |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mpumalanga |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KwaZulu-Natal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North West |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Cape |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

**(2) How many of the specified principals have been (a) criminally charged on corruption related activities, (b) criminally convicted for corruption related activities and (c) dismissed from their posts as a result of corruption related activities during the specified financial years and period;**

(2) Number of principals who the following actions have been taken against them as a result of corruption activities:

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| **PROVINCE** | **(a) Criminally Charged** | **(b) Criminally convicted** | **(c) Dismissed** |
| Western Cape | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 0 | 0 |  |
| Limpopo | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Cape |  |  |  |
| Mpumalanga |  |  |  |
| KwaZulu-Natal |  |  |  |
| North West |  |  |  |
| Free State | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Cape |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

**(3) What steps is her department taking to root out corruption in the education sector?**

 The recently released report about the selling of post has provided the Department with recommendations on how to strengthen our selection processes. The Department will soon begin to revise policies on the selection processes.