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**854. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What is the total number of children with disabilities who are in the schooling system in terms of (a) age, (b) province, (c) grade and (d) race in 2016? NW973E

**Response:**

The Department is able to provide information for learners with disabilities in the schooling system for 2015. The Department is currently collating 2016 learner information. Below is the summary of information on learners with disabilities as reported by the Provincial Education Departments.

(a)(b)

**Table 1: Number of learners with disabilities, in special schools, by age, in 2015**



***Source: Special Needs Education Centre’s SNAP 2015***

(c)

**Table 2: Number of learners with disabilities, in special schools, by grade, in 2015**

**Note1: Kindly note that not all Special Needs Education (SNE) centre’s learners are classified**

**into grade.**

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| **Grade** | **Total** |
| Grade R | 4 102 |
| Grade 1 | 7 939 |
| Grade 2 | 6 046 |
| Grade 3 | 6 679 |
| Grade 4 | 4 293 |
| Grade 5 | 4 283 |
| Grade 6 | 5 057 |
| Grade 7 | 5 214 |
| Grade 8 | 6 134 |
| Grade 9 | 5 409 |
| Grade 10 | 4 181 |
| Grade 11 | 2 384 |
| Grade 12 | 1 828 |
| Special | 55 097\* |
| **Total** | **118 645** |

***Source: Special Needs Education Centre’s SNAP 2015***

\* *Learners not classified according to the grade*.

(d)

**Table 3: Number of learners with disabilities, in special schools, by race, in 2015**



***Source: Special Needs Education Centre’s SNAP 2015***