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**917. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What number of cases of sexual abuse against learners with special needs have been reported in each province in the 2018-19 financial year? NW2070E

**RESPONSE**

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) does not keep statistics of sexual abuse cases. The DBE Protocol for the Management and Reporting of Sexual Abuse and Harassment in Schools positions this function as a provincial competency. The Honourable Member is advised to request this information directly from the provinces.