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**921.  Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with reference to the internationally benchmarked systemic tests that were conducted by the Western Cape Education Department in January 2021, which provide for an independent analysis of learning losses suffered by learners during the COVID‑19 pandemic and rotational attendance by learners, her department has any plans to increase funding to support catching up of the curriculum, as the specified systemic tests have clearly showed that gains achieved in mathematics and language have reversed; if not, why not; if so, what amount in funding is being considered?

**Response**

The question asked has direct implication to the work of the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) of the Western Cape Provincial Government who has direct jurisdiction to the work referred to, not the Minister of Basic Education. The question has therefore been referred to the MEC of the Western Cape Department of Education for response.