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**QUESTION 926**

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**926. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to the presentation by the SA Council of Educators on 27 August 2019, (a) on what date was the sexual offences register implemented and (b) what total number of teachers appear on the specified register since it was implemented;

(2) whether teachers who were convicted prior to the specified date appear on the register; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant detail? NW2079E

**RESPONSE:**

(1) (2) On the 27th August 2019, the CEO of SACE reported that the screening of educators prior to registration, is only done through the submission of the police clearance certificate.

She further reported that the Department of Justice & Constitutional Development was not yet ready with its National Sexual Offenders Register (NRSO) and therefore it was not accessible to public entities; public and Government departments for use.

In line with this Question 1(a) is not yet applicable, so is 1 (b) and Question 2.