

Table 1: Number of single medium schools, by province, in 2013

Province	Afrikaans	English	IsiNdebele	IsiXhosa	IsiZulu	SePedi	SeSotho	SeTswana	SiSwati	Tshivenda	XiTsonga	Total
Eastern Cape	193	1 300	0	267	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1 763
Free State	75	303	0	0	3	0	29	1	0	0	0	411
Gauteng	168	1 539	2	2	15	4	9	10	0	1	1	1 751
KwaZulu-Natal	12	2 153	0	4	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 229
Limpopo	22	1 598	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	1 628
Mpumalanga	28	312	3	0	19	2	1	0	7	0	5	377
Northern Cape	231	88	0	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	332
North West	52	516	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	570
Western Cape	648	461	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 109
South Africa	1 429	8 270	5	277	97	9	42	22	7	5	7	10 170

Source: 2013 Annual School Survey

Table 1 shows the number of single medium schools, by language and province in 2013.

Table 2: Number of parallel medium schools, by province, in 2013

Province	English/ Afrikaans	English/ Isindebele	English/Isi Xhosa	English /IsiZulu	English /Sepedi	English/ SeSotho	English/ SeTswana	English/ Seswati	English/ TshiVenda	English/ XiTsonga	Total
Eastern Cape	95	0	3 674	0	0	23	1	0		0	3 793
Free State	94	5	3	41	0	602	59	0	0	0	804
Gauteng	161	1	17	118	52	89	110	0	8	13	569
KwaZulu-Natal	68	5	152	2 986	0	2	0	1	0	1	3 215
Limpopo	46	2	1	2	1 374	1	27	0	472	305	2 230
Mpumalanga	75	45	1	176	45	2	20	184	0	69	617
Northern Cape	61	0	6	0	0	0	126	0	2	0	195
North West	46	0	5	0	0	16	884	0	0	0	951
Western Cape	381	0	136	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	519
South Africa	1 027	58	3 995	3 323	1 471	737	1 227	185	482	388	12 893

Source: 2013 Annual School Survey

Table 2 shows the number of parallel medium schools by language and province. English was selected as a basis for comparison since it is the most commonly used medium of instruction in schools.

Question 2 (a)

Table 3: Number of Afrikaans single medium schools that changed to parallel-medium schools between 2002 and 2013

Province	Afrikaans Single medium schools in 2002	Number of schools that changed							Total
		English Only	English/ Afrikaans	Afrikaans /IsXhosa	Afrikaans /Sepedi	Afrikaans /Sesotho	Afrikaans/ SeTswana	Afrikaans /SiSwati	
Eastern Cape	221	8	13	3	0	0	0	0	24
Free State	113	4	21	0	0	1	0	0	26
Gauteng	266	64	38	0	1	0	0	0	103
KwaZulu-Natal	44	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	27
Limpopo	38	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	19
Mpumalanga	27	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	7
Northern Cape	285	5	18	2	0	0	2	0	27
North West	75	7	11	0	0	0	1	0	19
Western Cape	736	2	59	3	0	0	0	0	64
South Africa	1805	128	174	8	1	1	0	1	313

Source: 2002 and 2013 Annual School Survey

Note: The department does not have information for 1994. The earliest date for which we have reliable information is 2002 and the latest is 2013.

Question 2 (b)

Reasons for Change

- i. The communities in the area of some of the schools have changed. English has now become the preferred language of instruction by parents. In response to the growing number of learners requesting English as medium of instruction, schools have introduced English as the second medium of instruction.
- ii. The declining number of Afrikaans speaking learners means that the schools revert to parallel-medium (Afrikaans/English) schools.
- iii. Some parents preferred that their children be taught in English because they view it as an essential language for global business success.