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**127. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What is the total number of learners in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools who fell pregnant in each province during the (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015 and (cc) 2016 school years and (b) how many of the specified learners returned to school in each year respectively and (c) how many were reported by schools to the South African Police Service for reasons related to sexual offences in each year? NW132E

**RESPONSE**:

The responses below are provided as per:

The total number of learners in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools who fell pregnant in each province during the (aa) 2014, (bb) 2015 and (cc) 2016 school years.

(a)(i)(ii)(aa)(bb)(cc)

**Table 1: Number of learners who fell pregnant, by province, between 2014 and 2016**

| **Year** | **Province** | **Grade 3** | **Grade 4** | **Grade 5** | **Grade 6** | **Grade 7** | **Grade 8** | **Grade 9** | **Grade 10** | **Grade 11** | **Grade 12** | **Other** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2014** | **EC** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 42 | 67 | 99 | 164 | 134 | 0 | 527 |
| **FS** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 27 | 95 | 182 | 167 | 262 | 12 | 765 |
| **GT** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 71 | 201 | 639 | 1 541 | 1 486 | 1 204 | 55 | 5 217 |
| **KZ** | 7 | 7 | 12 | 27 | 49 | 146 | 338 | 731 | 852 | 862 | 8 | 3 039 |
| **LP** | 0 | 1 |   | 6 | 6 | 37 | 105 | 197 | 161 | 148 | 2 | 663 |
| **MP** | 3 | 9 | 83 | 105 | 169 | 357 | 490 | 723 | 670 | 593 | 8 | 3 438 |
| **NC** | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 39 | 69 | 152 | 379 | 278 | 187 | 0 | 1 119 |
| **NW** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 203 | 282 | 196 | 106 | 59 | 95 | 953 |
| **WC** | 0 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 49 | 166 | 498 | 671 | 709 | 740 | 1 | 2 864 |
| **National** | **11** | **19** | **107** | **208** | **416** | **1 248** | **2 666** | **4 719** | **4 593** | **4 189** | **181** | **18 357** |
| **2015** | **EC** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 26 | 49 | 82 | 57 | 0 | 243 |
| **FS** | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 29 | 56 | 178 | 179 | 221 | 0 | 694 |
| **GT** | 0 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 56 | 239 | 610 | 1 410 | 1 689 | 1 219 | 5 | 5 246 |
| **KZ** | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 87 | 235 | 553 | 729 | 673 | 99 | 2 408 |
| **LP** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 34 | 148 | 308 | 216 | 189 | 1 | 909 |
| **MP** | 4 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 172 | 409 | 489 | 607 | 561 | 378 | 122 | 2 770 |
| **NW** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 54 | 71 | 73 | 46 | 0 | 274 |
| **NC** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 0 | 69 |
| **WC** | 0 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 45 | 165 | 443 | 668 | 799 | 746 | 0 | 2 891 |
| **National** | **7** | **4** | **27** | **78** | **332** | **1 009** | **2 065** | **3 862** | **4 344** | **3 549** | **227** | **15 504** |
| **2016** | **EC** |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 32 | 37 |  0 | 106 |
| **FS** | 1 |   | 1 | 3 | 21 | 30 | 50 | 123 | 120 | 138 |  0 | 487 |
| **GT** | 1 | 2 | 6 | 28 | 83 | 280 | 615 | 1 069 | 1 118 | 1 164 |  0 | 4 366 |
| **LP** |   |   |   | 9 | 5 | 35 | 103 | 241 | 223 | 212 |  0 | 828 |
| **NW** |   | 1 |   |   | 5 | 17 | 56 | 109 | 91 | 80 |  0 | 359 |
| **WC** |   | 1 | 5 | 15 | 48 | 187 | 369 | 526 | 612 | 666 |  0 | 2 429 |
| **NC** |   |   |   |   | 3 | 6 | 27 | 50 | 40 | 31 |  0 | 157 |
| **National** | **2** | **4** | **12** | **56** | **166** | **560** | **1 230** | **2 138** | **2 236** | **2 328** | **0** | **8 732** |

*Source 1: 2014-16 Annual School Survey*

*Source 2: PEDs submissions*

*Note 1: 2016 data for KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga are still not available*.

*Note 2: The ASS question on learner pregnancy asks the school principal for: “the number of learners (That they are aware of) who got pregnant the previous academic year”.*

*Note 3: The data, as received from the provinces, are preliminary and must be treated with caution, since it has not been published in this format.*

(b) The Department is in no position to report on learners who returned to school after pregnancy.

(c) The following cases were reported to South African Police Services (SAPS) for reasons related to sexual offences in each year:

 2013 /14 = 56 680

 2014 /15 = 53 617

 2015 /16 = 51 895

The South African Police Services collects data on a yearly basis on sexual offences. However, they not only concentrate on reported schools cases but to the entire public services. The referred data is from ‘Crime situation in South Africa’.