

## WRITTEN REPLY

**No. 126/2020 Mr L M Meyer (DA) to ask the MEC for Education:**

Regarding SHARING OF TEXT BOOKS in 2020

**1. Has the Department assessed how many Learners per District share text books;**

The Department has assessed how many textbooks are available against the total number of textbooks required and has thereby ascertained shortages on a provincial level. Due to the differing quotas of textbooks required per learner per grade, it is appropriate to report per grade.

**(a) If yes, please provide the details [Including number of learners per district etc.];**

As per Annexure 1(attached for ease of

**(b) If not, why not;**

Not Applicable

**2. Why are learners sharing text books;**

The data per Annexure 1 indicates shortages in Grades 8-12 (secondary school grades). The underlying contributors to the shortage of textbooks include the high prices of textbooks for secondary school grades compared with primary school grades. Further, a larger quota of textbooks is needed per learner at a secondary school grade than a primary school grade. The greater funding demand at secondary school grades is not supported by current funding regulations. The situation is exacerbated by the high annual losses and damages to textbooks by learners. For example the value of losses and damages for secondary school grades in 2019 was calculated at R 89.5m.

**3. What action steps will be taken to mitigate against the sharing of text books in 2021;**

An amount of R 521.7m has been allocated to public ordinary schools for the purchase of textbooks for 2020/2021. Orders are expected to be placed by 31 August 2020 for delivery to schools by December 2020.

**4. What will this cost;**

It will cost the Department R521.7m as stated above.

5. **What immediate steps are being taken to alleviate this given the current COVID19 pandemic; and**

The Department intervened by purchasing textbooks for secondary school grades whereby a total of 656 781 units of textbooks were purchased and delivery of these to 1 318 secondary schools is near completion.

In addition, the Department has developed and printed learner and teacher support material for all grade 12 subjects; for subjects done by majority of learners in grades 10 and 11; for technical subjects; for specifically aiding progressed learners and learners in the second chance matric programme as well as for the GET Band.


6. **4. above, what will the immediate cost be to remedy this?**

R 742m

	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Shortages	1364737	1261817	1140494	1161470	546849	5475367
Average Price of Textbook	R 109,30	R 114,44	R 148,00	R 156,91	R 178,34	
Cost of Shortage	R 149 165 754,10	R 144 402 337,48	R 168 793 112,00	R 182 246 257,70	R 97 525 050,66	R 742 132 511,94

  
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28/07/2020  
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## Annexure 1

Number of Learners														
District	Grade R	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Amajuba	9719	13102	13107	12622	12778	13276	12907	12258	12945	12717	12939	11961	10495	160826
Harry Gwala	11193	14827	14655	14490	13797	12932	13060	12650	12031	11755	11824	10865	10852	164931
Ilembe	14143	17216	17466	17258	17246	16888	16440	15812	16040	15180	15072	14672	11229	204662
King Cethswayo	21512	26711	26704	26579	26686	26450	25786	24916	24843	24072	24193	24948	23521	326921
Pinetown	25996	35493	35095	34938	34476	34278	33579	32316	30532	29818	30778	27893	23153	408345
Ugu	15261	19738	19641	19318	19329	18977	18901	18275	18444	17748	18501	16417	13685	234235
Umgungundlovu	17814	23408	23339	22615	22133	21754	21682	20766	21858	20969	21000	20081	17038	274457
Umkhanyakude	18943	22797	22721	22077	21891	21760	21187	20283	21630	21156	20677	22166	19185	276473
Umlazi	22505	33664	33556	33771	33702	33449	32407	31150	31208	31098	31692	29163	24949	402314
Umzinyathi	14254	17325	17290	17393	17191	16911	16860	16338	16330	15947	15764	15754	13477	210834
Uthukela	16390	21058	20741	20472	20388	20537	19842	19217	18163	17681	18755	17881	14668	245793
Zululand	22546	26355	26698	26301	26007	26254	25803	24815	25538	24840	25532	26006	20730	327425
<b>Total Number of Learners</b>	<b>210276</b>	<b>271694</b>	<b>271013</b>	<b>267834</b>	<b>265624</b>	<b>263466</b>	<b>258454</b>	<b>248796</b>	<b>249562</b>	<b>242981</b>	<b>246727</b>	<b>237807</b>	<b>202982</b>	<b>3237216</b>
Textbooks Purchased through School Allocations	7290602	2337184	2342199	2338405	2299905	2165434	2130472	2778166	1365608	1323644	1746686	1602529	1497550	31218384
Provincial Intervention - March 2020									14837	87330	73544	89685	391385	656781
Total Textbooks Available	7290602	2337184	2342199	2338405	2299905	2165434	2130472	2778166	1380445	1410974	1820230	1692214	1888935	31875165
Total Minimum Textbooks Required	4205520	1901858	1897091	1874838	2124992	2107728	2067632	2736756	2745182	2672791	2960724	2853684	2435784	32584580
Shortages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1364737	-1261817	-1140494	-1161470	-546849	-5475367
Percentage of Coverage	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	103%	100%	50%	53%	61%	59%	78%	85%