

Enquiries: Bongane Sibisi Ref: 5. ED016

TO

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SUBJECT: QUESTION POSED BY THE LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. ED016

PURPOSE:

With regard to safety of both learners and teachers, will the MEC please indicate:

QUESTION 1:

How many learners and teachers have been killed on school premises in the last five years, (please indicate name of schools)?

ANSWER:

The table below provides numbers of learners and teachers that have been killed on school premises in the last five years with school names:

NO. OF KILLINGS	NAMES OF SCHOOLS		
1 teacher	Phomolong Secondary School		
1 learner	Forest High School		
1 learner	Pholoso Primary School		
1 learner	Thaba Jabula Secondary School		
1 principal	Buyani Primary School		
2 learners	Khanya Lesedi Secondary School		
1 learner	Thuto-Tiro Secondary School		
1 learner	Stanza Bopape Secondary School		

QUESTION 2:

How many incidents were as a result of gangsterism, learner-on-learner violence, teacher-on-teacher violence, learner, and teacher violence and how many teachers and learners were killed by outsiders?

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ANSWER:

The table below provides numbers for incidents that occurred as a result of gangsterism, learner-on-learner violence, teacher-on-teacher violence, learner, and teacher violence and numbers of teachers and learners that were killed by outsiders:

GANGSTERISM	LEARNER- ON - LEARNER VIOLENCE	ON- TEACHER	LEARNER, ON TEACHER VIOLENCE	TEACHER ON LEARNER VIOLENCE	TEACHERS AND LEARNERS KILLED BY OUTSIDERS
26	45	1	6	4	12 (8 Learners and 4 Teachers)

QUESTION 3:

How many incidents were there where teachers and learners were stabbed, shot or any victim of any other violent crime?

ANSWER:

The table below provides numbers for incidents where teachers and learners were stabbed, shot or any victim of any other violent crime:

STABBING(S)	SHOOTING(S)	ANY OTHER VIOLENT CRIME		
40	10	16		

QUESTION 4:

Are there any convictions known to date regarding these cases?

ANSWER:

To date there is only one (1) conviction known by the Department regarding these cases, however, some cases were closed due to lack of evidence, and some are still on-going.

QUESTION 5:

What measures are being put in place to ensure that schools are safe?

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ANSWER:

The following measures are being put in place to ensure that schools are safe:

- Deployment of patrollers to no-fee paying schools, psycho-social support to learners, safety talks and searches and seizure operations using SAPS, DSD, DCS, GDCS, CPF, SDM and NGOs.
- Conduct patrol to perimeter fence of schools and hot spot areas, Access Control, Search and Seizure operations, Erection of intact fence, Learner code of conduct, monitoring of duty rosters, establishment of school safety committees & linking of schools to local SAPS stations, monitoring of duty rosters, awareness campaigns with various stakeholders, sport activities to combat crime.
- Employment of private security personnel subject to availability of funds.
- Business Against Crime have installed CCTV cameras in various schools.
- Conduct School Safety Talks, Anti-Gangsterism Campaigns, Prison Tour and Dialogues, outreach programmes with DOJ & CD to expose learners to moot courts.
- Collaborate on Search and Seizure Operations with law enforcement agencies and capacitate RCLs on leadership programmes regarding school safety strategy.
- Disciplinary procedures for learners / teachers involved, SAPS & all relevant stakeholders collaborating on safety programmes as an initiative to combat crime.
- Deployed additional volunteers from CPF and trained security personnel in schools.
- Coordinate partnerships with DSD on anti-bullying and gangsterism campaigns.
- Schools re-linked to respective SAPS stations.

Kind Regards

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