QUESTIONS FOR **WRITTEN** REPLY

NAME OF MEMBER PUTTING THE QUESTION: **HON. S. MNGADI (DA)**

QUESTION ADDRESSED TO: **MEC FOR EDUCATION**

DATE: **13 JUNE 2025**

**QUESTIONS:**

RE: ALLEGED ABUSE AT UMINATHI CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (HAMMARSDALE AND ESTON CAMPUSES)

1. Has the Department received any complaints, reports, or whistle-blower disclosures from parents, learners, educators, or community members regarding:
2. Physical abuse of learners (e.g. beatings or corporal punishment),
3. Verbal or emotional abuse,
4. Unlawful disciplinary action (including suspension or exclusion without due process),
5. Denial of meals to paying learners,
6. Forced or unexplained relocation of learners between campuses,
7. Or any other form of misconduct at uMinathi Christian College since January 2023?
8. For each complaint received, please provide:
9. The date of receipt,
10. The name of the District official or office that received it,
11. The format (e.g. written letter, email, verbal report),
12. Actions taken in response (including site visits, follow-ups, or referrals to SAPS or social workers),
13. The current status of the matter
14. Has the Department provided any psychosocial support (e.g. counselling, trauma services) to learners who may have been abused or unjustly disciplined at the school?
15. What processes are in place for the immediate academic placement of learners who withdraw from an abusive private school?
16. Will the Department facilitate intervention by the Department of Social Development, SAPS Family Violence Unit, or relevant NGOs for families affected by this situation?
17. What redress is available to a learner who:
18. Was relocated between campuses without parental knowledge,
19. Was suspended without a disciplinary hearing,
20. Was denied meals despite full tuition fee payment?



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