QUESTIONS FOR **WRITTEN** REPLY

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QUESTION ADDRESSED TO: **MEC FOR EDUCATION**

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**QUESTIONS:**

RE: LEGAL BREACHES AT UMINATHI CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (HAMMARSDALE AND ESTON CAMPUSES)

1. Has uMinathi Christian College been found in breach of any provisions of the following laws since 2023:
2. The South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996), specifically Section 10 (corporal punishment),
3. The Children’s Act (Act 38 of 2005),
4. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Section 29 (right to basic education),
5. Any other education or child protection regulation applicable to private schools?
6. What is the Department’s process for investigating and sanctioning non-subsidised private schools that violate learner protection provisions in the above laws?
7. Under what conditions may the Department intervene in a non-subsidised private school’s operations?
8. Has such intervention ever occurred at uMinathi Christian College?
9. Does the Department have the authority to revoke or recommend the revocation of a private school’s registration with the Province in instances of sustained learner abuse or mismanagement?
10. If so, what criteria and procedures apply?



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