

RESPONSES:

- (1) It must be noted that there are now 25 schools that cater for visually impaired learners than the 22 that are referred to in the question. Information about:
- (a) Enrolment at each school;
 - (b) Braille machines at each school;
 - (c) Other support materials;
 - (d) Number of trained educators appointed at each school;
 - (e) Number of support staff appointed at each school in:
 - (i) administrative posts;
 - (ii) therapists posts; and
 - (iii) class assistant posts is all provided in **table 1 of the annexure.**
- (2) For all information related to:
- (a) Number of special schools for visually impaired with services of an Orientation and Mobility Practitioner;
 - (b) Vacancy rate for support staff;
 - (c) Number of schools for visually impaired that implement White Paper 6 as expected;
 - (d) Number of:
 - (i) district and
 - (ii) provincial education department officials that are appropriately trained to assist teachers and support staff at the specified schools, **please see table 2 of the annexure.**

INFORMATION ON 22 SCHOOLS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Table 1:

| Province | Name of School | (a) Learner Enrolment (Blind) | (a) Learner Enrolment (Low Vision) | (b) Number of Perkins Braille | (c) Other LTSM Available | (d) Number of trained educators | (e)(i) How many administrative staff appointed | (e)(ii) How many therapists appointed | (e)(iii) How many class assistants appointed |
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| EC | Khanyisa PE | 98 | 21 | 45 | Braille ring binders, Rolls Dynamo tape, Measuring instruments, Talking calculators, Handheld magnifying glasses, Braille atlas packs, Braille labellers, Braille boards, Tracing wheels, Braille embossers, Duxbery, Duxbery licence version 11.2, Braillo 200, Board maker and computer programmes, Joysticks, Trigger switches, Click -n-type, measuring tapes, SPB 360 comfort brands for binding, Glue binding | 22 | 1 | 0 | 04 |

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| KZ | Filadelfia | 43 | 161 | 15 | 55 | 4 | 5 | 14-GDE 5-ETDP SETA |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Sibonile | 80 | 98 | 10 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 8-GDE 2-ETDP SETA |
| | Open Air | 03 | | 0 | 03 | 03 | 08 | |
| | Mason Lincon | 02 | | 03 | 04 | | | |
| | Arthur Blaxall | 159 | 53 | 10 | 06 | 04 | 04 | 07 |
| | Ethembeni | 84 | 187 | 30 | 04 | 03 | 02 | 06 |
| | YWCA | 03 | 07 | 03 | 02 | 02 | 00 | 04 |

| LP | Inkanyiso | 04 | 06 | 0 | 02 | 01 | 01 | 01 | 01 | 03 |
|----|-----------|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| | Bosele | 53 | 82 | 31 | Braille printer (2); Apex (26); Eyepal (4); Whiteboard (1); computer projectors (6); photocopiers (2); desktop computers and screens (40); laptops (5); software and licenses; Duxbery; translators and JAWS; printers (15); ibico binders (2); widescreen TV (1) | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Letaba | 28 | 10 | 12 | 12 Braille machines 9 Braille notes 2 Braille embosser 10 computers with Jaws 10 computers equipped with zoom text. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Rivoni | 39 | 45 | 05 | LSTM Eyepal Solo – 2 Braille note Apex – 47 Scanner – 1 Duxbury Braille Translator – 1 10 x talking calculators | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Setotlwane | 49 | 52 | 30 | Portable radios, jaws, Braille workbooks | 10 | 4 | 0 | 01 SGB paid | | | | |
|------------|-----|----|-----|--|----|---|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Siloe | 132 | 20 | 110 | Braille Box, 3 Braille index, 2 scanners, 4 Victor Readers, Braille Stapler | 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Tshildzini | 16 | 63 | 70 | Braille Notes, Embosser; Melen Magnifier | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Braille labelers -Braille Atlas -Braille Embossers -Duxbury license -Measuring tapes -Photocopiers -Laptops -Computers -Perkins Braille Machines -Braille note -Eyepal -Large print Dictionary -Ludo -Snakes & Ladders -Braille rule -Rocker scales -Braille meter stick -Talking tiles -Clicker Interactive Classroom Bundle | | | | | | | | |

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| MP | Siindokuhle | 35 | 38 | 15 | -AAC Hardware Bundle -First Key 5 user Typing Tutor -Television Procurement of Braille and Large Print from Pioneer Printers Procurement of specialized equipment for the blind and the partially sighted 15 functional Braille machines 2 x Duxbury single user 30 x sound shuffle sound recording 30 x story sequencer 80 x talking tiles for AAC 30 x talking photo album A5 30 x matrix maker 30 x big step by step levels 19 x recordable heart message board 22 x micro speak digital voice recorder 1 x quick talker | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
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| NC | Re Tlameheng School | 20 | 14 | 18 | 1 x recordable speech device 1 x super talker | 22 | 1 | None | 7 |
| NW | Christiana School for the blind | 26 | 98 | 64 | -Braille Production Machines: 3 x Index Braille for translation –for learning support -Braille translation software, 2xBraile box embosser printer for graphics. 2 x Tiger embosser (large) . 1x Thermoform 3 x computers. -Jaws, flippers, talking calculators, six dots dolls, tactile and sensory stimulation materials, Televisions, portable radios, computers with adapted keyboards. Voice recorder for A. A. C., Handheld magnifiers. Reading daisy software. | 23 | 02 | | |

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| WC | Athlone School | 313 | | 30 | Braille Textbooks and Workbooks and Eye Pal Solo devices | 43 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| | Pioneer | 253 | | 28 | Braille Textbooks and Workbooks and Eye Pal Solo devices | 16 | 4 | 2 | 3 |

Table 2:

| Province | Availability of Services of an Orientation and Mobility Instructor | Vacancy rate of support staff | Special Schools Implementing WP6 | Number of District officials trained to support each school | Number of provincial officials trained to support each school |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| EC | 0 | 39% | 3 | 21 | 6 |
| FS | 2 | 50% | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| GT | 0 | 30% | 3 | 20 | 20 |
| KZ | 4 | 64% | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| LP | 0 | 100% | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| MP | 1 | 10% | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| NC | 0 | 9% | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| NW | 1 | 16% | 1 | 20 | 0 |
| WC | 2 | 8% | 2 | 16 | 1 |