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815. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What number of (a) primary and (b) high schools (i) are equipped with the necessary computer equipment and (ii) have teachers who are trained to teach computer skills and coding?

Response

(a) and (b) (i)

The Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) are responsible for providing schools with the necessary computer equipment. It is for this reason that the Department of Basic Education (DBE) does not keep updated information on the number of schools provided with the necessary computer equipment. Such updated information should be requested from the PEDs.

(ii) Besides training offered by the provinces, the DBE has trained 43774 teachers in computer skills. Furthermore, teachers will be trained on coding from June to September 2019.