

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION 695**

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Mr M J Ellis to ask the Minister of Education:

(a) With regard to each province in each of the three most recent specified years for which information is available, (i) what budget was allocated for expenditure on employing educators and (ii) what amount was actually spent and (b) with regard to provinces which failed to spend their budgets, (i) what reasons have been identified for these failures and (ii) what action has been taken in this regard?

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REPLY:

(a) (i) The total personnel budget for provincial education departments amounted to R39.4 billion in 2003/04, R43 billion in 2004/05 and R46.6 billion in 2005/06.

(ii) In these years provincial education departments spent R39.7 billion, R42.7 billion and R46.5 billion respectively.

The details per province are attached below.

(b) (i) The figures indicate that a failure to spend personnel budgets has not been a problem. There have been only relatively small spending variations between personnel budgets and personnel expenditure in provincial education departments.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS: PERSONNEL BUDGETS & EXPENDITURE, 2003/04 TO 2005/06									
	2003/04			2004/05			2005/06		
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>%spent</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>%spent</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>%spent</i>
EC	8,545,418	8,735,978	102.2	9,412,167	9,304,984	98.9	9,924,616	9,917,721	99.9
FS	3,417,886	3,392,405	99.3	3,688,243	3,598,313	97.6	4,016,135	3,899,506	97.1
GP	6,857,714	7,266,457	106.0	7,789,501	7,699,078	98.8	8,605,541	8,277,883	96.2
KN	9,999,369	10,037,829	100.4	10,821,932	10,884,419	100.6	11,916,246	11,878,134	99.7
LP	7,433,307	7,089,309	95.4	7,767,410	7,857,054	101.2	8,226,640	8,759,180	106.5
MP	3,577,111	3,566,442	99.7	4,043,216	3,874,322	95.8	4,349,632	4,325,406	99.4
NC	1,020,176	1,010,771	99.1	1,153,408	1,154,572	100.1	1,230,506	1,233,569	100.2
NW	4,236,745	4,236,969	100.0	4,618,657	4,474,032	96.9	4,907,215	4,929,935	100.5
WC	4,282,897	4,262,001	99.5	4,629,924	4,567,683	98.7	5,074,938	4,961,967	97.8
Total	49,370,623	49,598,161	100.5	53,924,458	53,414,457	99.1	58,251,469	58,183,301	99.9