# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 1067

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### Dr J C Kloppers-Lourens (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether transport has been provided for learners in each specified province in each of the three most recent financial years; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the total budget allocated for transport, (b) which transport providers were awarded tenders to provide transport, (c) what was the value of each of the tenders, (d) how many learners were provided with transport in terms of each of these tenders and (e) what criteria do learners need to comply with in order to qualify for transport?

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#### **REPLY:**

(a) Yes, learner transport has been provided to the specified provinces and the budget allocated in the three financial years is as indicated in the table below:

## **Provincial Education Department**

Scholar Transport				
Province	CURRENT	2008 MTEF		
	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Eastern				
Cape	257 732	250 000	231 000	622 033
Free State	37 500	40 800	44 800	-
Gauteng	46 165	34 080	91 307	37 754
KwaZulu- Natal	-	49000	87 000	139 940
Limpopo	44 000	44 500	44 500	48 401
Mpumalanga	145 269	157 670	164 718	185 380
Northern Cape	52 051	61 915	74 316	91 110
North West	-	68 445	75 000	80 000
Western Cape	100 241	105 253	112 439	140 629
TOTAL	682 958	811 663	925 080	1 345 247

Where no amounts reflected, the figures are not available.

- (b) Procurement is a provincial competence and as a result the Department of Education does not have this information on hand.
- (c) See (b) above
- (d) See (b) above
- (e) Each province determines its own criteria as to who qualifies for transport. In terms of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding. Poor learners should be provided with hostel facilities if they live more than one and half hours walking distance from the nearest available school, and therefore each province determines its own criteria as to who qualifies for transport if the travelling distance to their nearest available school is less than one and half hours walking distance