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QUESTION 50**

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Ms NF Mazibuko to ask the Minister of Education:

(a) How many learners have been fed through the school nutrition scheme at primary and secondary schools and (b) what percentage of the budget has already been utilised to feed these learners?

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REPLY:

- (a) The school nutrition scheme provides school meals for 5 996 050 learners at 18 039 schools. The programme targets primary-school learners in areas where poverty levels are greatest. However, the Northern Cape and the Western Cape have extended the programme to some secondary schools. The Western Cape provides school meals to 21 000 learners in 116 quintile 1 and 2 secondary schools, while the Northern Cape provides school meals to 59 862 learners in 101 quintile 1 and 2 secondary schools.
- (b) The total allocation for the programme in 2006/07 is R 1, 098,036.00 (R1.09 billion) of which 47, 9% has been spent to date.

Table 2.19 Comparison for the National school nutrition programme, 2005/06 and 2006/07

	2005/06		2006/07	Growth rate	2005/06		2006/07	
	Number of beneficiaries				Budget allocated R thousands			
	Targeted	Reached	Targeted					
Eastern Cape	999 364	999 364	1 461 917	31,6%	237 602		233 882	
Free State	246 857	246 857	407 743	39,5%	65 564		64 784	
Gauteng	337 859	337 859	389 361	13,2%	101 124		99 921	
KwaZulu-Natal	1 251 140	1 251 140	1 367 655	8,5%	242 251		239 372	
Limpopo	1 002 609	1 002 609	1 054 609	4,9%	204 469		202 039	
Mpumalanga	492 687	492 687	492 025	-0,1%	85 565		84 549	
Northern Cape	122 200	122 200	184 592	33,8%	30 003		29 647	
North West	336 464	378 312	406 910	17,3%	96 678		95 529	
Western Cape	156 617	156 617	203 183	22,9%	48 895		48 313	
Total¹	4 945 797	4 987 645	5 967 995	17,1%	1 112 151		1 098 036	

1. An additional amount of R200 million was allocated with the adjustment in 2005/06 which pushed the allocated amount for 2005/06 up to this level.

Source: National Treasury provincial database and National Department of Education