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Dr CP Mulder (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) In respect of the latest specified date for which information is available; in how many (a) single medium schools was the medium of instruction (i) only one of the country's 11 indigenous languages and (ii) only English and (b) dual medium schools was the medium of instruction one of the 11 indigenous languages and English;
- (2) How many (a) single medium schools were there in April 1994 which used (i) one of the 11 indigenous languages and (ii) only English as medium of instruction and (b) dual medium schools were there in April 1994 which used an indigenous language and English as medium of instruction?

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REPLY:

1(ai and aii)

Table 1 below shows the number of single medium schools that used 11 South African official languages in 2008. Please note that a single medium school is defined as one that offers only one medium of instruction in **every grade** of the school.

Table 1: Number of single medium schools by language and by province in 2008

Province	Afrikaans	English	IsiNdebele	IsiXhosa	IsiZulu	SePedi	SeSotho	SeTswana	Sign Language	SiSwati	TshiVenda	XiTsonga
EC	212	1 772	0	269	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
FS	91	294	0	0	5	0	35	1	0	0	0	0
GT	254	1 198	0	1	16	3	9	6	0	0	4	0
KZ	31	2 243	1	4	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LP	45	1 432	1	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	16	16
MP	95	599	10	0	34	11	0	2	0	33	0	25
NC	248	86	0	2	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0
NW	95	520	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0
WC	687	366	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1 758	8 510	12	278	187	84	45	97	0	33	20	41

Source: DoE EMIS Annual School Survey 2008

1(b)

The term "dual medium of instruction" refers to the employment of two languages as media of instruction, wherein a teacher switches from one medium of instruction to another during a lesson on a 50:50 percent basis. In this instance, the teacher repeats the instruction in another language.

For a school to be classified as dual medium school, **all learners** of that school should be receiving the tuition through dual medium of instruction. Such information is not collected from schools as it is very difficult to collect.

The Department does however collect information on parallel medium schools. It defines a parallel medium school as one that offers more than medium of instruction *in all grades of the school.*

Table 2 below shows the number of parallel medium schools where English is one of the media of instruction in 2008.

Table 2: Number of parallel medium schools by languages and by province in 2008

Provi nce	English\\Afrikaans	English\\lsiNdebele	English∖\lsiXhosa	EnglishWsiZulu	English\\SePedi	English\\SeSotho	English\\SeTswana	English\\SiSwati	English\\TshiVenda	English\\XiTsonga
EC	146	0	3 086	9	0	24	1	0	0	1
FS	84	0	7	56	2	732	69	0	0	14
GT	185	2	22	114	53	89	107	1	6	0
KZ	52	0	145	3 053	0	0	0	0	0	0
LP	41	3	0	3	1 456	0	45	2	469	283
MP	65	48	2	320	59	7	30	262	0	77
NC	70	0	7	0	0	0	139	0	1	0
NW	50	3	4	1	0	16	834	0	3	0
WC	372	0	123	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
SA	1 065	56	3 396	3 556	1 570	870	1 225	265	479	375

Source: DoE EMIS Annual School Survey 2008

2(ai and aii)

Please note that the information for 1994 is not readily available, however the earliest date for which data can be provided is 1998. The 1998 data should be treated with caution and should not be used for comparison with the 2008 data as it is not of very good quality.

Table 3 shows the number of single medium schools that used 11 South African official languages in 1998

Table 3: Number of single medium schools by language and by province in 1998

Province	Afrikaans	English		IsiNdebele	IsiXhosa	IsiZulu	SePedi	SeSotho	SeTswana	Sign Language	SiSwati	TshiVenda	XiTsonga
EC	274	1 8	324	0	296	1	1	6	4	0	0	0	0
FS	115	4	165	2	0	2	0	44	4	0	0	0	0
GT	251	1 1	18	2	2	25	11	14	7	0	0	1	1
KZ	35	26	393	10	14	466	4	1	2	0	0	1	0
LP	61	20)34	3	0	2	210	6	8	0	0	73	41
MP	72	6	358	6	0	46	3	5	29	0	0	1	0
NC	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NW	87	6	667	0	1	0	0	3	72	0	0	0	0
WC	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SA	895	9 4	159	23	313	542	229	79	126	0	0	76	42

Source: DoE EMIS Annual School Survey 1998 (Please note that a "-" indicates that no information was received from the province

2(b)

Table 4 below shows the number of parallel medium schools where English is one of the media of instruction in 1998.

Table 4: Number of parallel medium schools by languages and by province in 1998

Provi nce	English\\Afrikaans	English\\IsiNdebele	English∖∖lsiXhosa	English∖∖lsiZulu	English\\SePedi	English\\SeSotho	English\\SeTswana	English\\SiSwati	English\\TshiVenda	English\\XiTsonga
EC	143	0	3 214	1	0	30	1	0	0	0
FS	92	1	10	127	2	1 252	89	0	1	0
GT	175	0	19	131	61	96	48	0	10	13
KZ	70	1	34	1 914	0	7	1	0	0	0
LP	45	2	4	6	803	36	19	0	281	255
MP	55	45	1	423	65	22	165	0	0	0
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	38	1	5	0	1	20	1 149	0	0	1
WC	-	-	-	-	•	•	-	-	•	-
SA	618	50	3 287	2 602	932	1 463	1 472	0	292	269

Source: DoE EMIS Annual School Survey 1998 (Please note that a "-" means that no information was received from the province.