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Mr GG Bionamo to ask the Minister of Education:

(1) Whether her department maintains a database of unemployed teachers; if so; (a) how many teachers are on this database and (b) how many of these teachers are qualified to teach (i) maths (ii) science; if not,

(2) whether her department has available any estimates of the number of (a) unemployed teachers and (b) unemployed teachers who are qualified to teach maths and science; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) on what information are these estimates based and (ii) what are the relevant figures?

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REPLY:

1. The Department of Education does have a database of unemployed teachers. There are 11,132 teachers on the database, of whom 2,434 are qualified to teach maths and 2,881 qualified to teach science (2,163 biology teachers, 445 general science teachers, 274 physical science teachers).
2. The Department does not have estimates of the number of (a) unemployed teachers or (b) unemployed teachers who are qualified to teach maths and science, apart from the information contained in the database.