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Mr M Waters to ask the Minister of Education:

1. What amount was (a) spent on implementing her department's (i) drug master plan and (ii) drug abuse policy framework and (b) budgeted for this purpose during the (i) 2003-04, (ii) 2004-05 and (iii) 2005-06 financial years;
2. Whether any additional money was spent on the fight against drugs other than that spent on her department's drug master plan; if so, (a) what amount and (b) on what was it spent;
3. Whether any amount has been budgeted for the drug master plan for the 2006-07 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what amount?

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REPLY:

- 1 (a) The Department of Social Development developed the national drug master plan, while the Department of Education developed the policy framework for the management of drug abuse in public schools and further education and training institutions.

(b) Budgets for the mentioned financial years are as follows: (i) R204 000 in 2003/4, (ii) R165 000 in 2004/5, (iii) R384 000 in 2005/6.
2. Provincial education departments are responsible for the implementation of education policies. These departments provide additional funding for the implementation of the guidelines as well as other intervention programmes intended to deal with drug abuse in schools.
3. R 500 000 has been budgeted for the distribution of the policy framework to public schools in the 2006/7 financial year.