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Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) How many complaints of sexual abuse of learners by teachers have been received by the SA Council for Educators (SACE) from each province (a) in the (i) 2010-11, (ii) 2011-12, (iii) 2012-13 and (iv) 2013-14 financial years and (b) since 1 April 2014;
- (2) (a) how many of these investigations were finalised in each (i) province and (ii) year, (b) what are the reasons that some investigations have not been finalised and (c) what sanction was applied for each complaint received? NW728E

RESPONSE

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- (1) (a)(i) Before 2011, records on sexual abuse cases on learners were not classified according to provinces hence the record provided starts from 2011 as follows:

Province	(ii) 2011-12	(iii) 2012-13	(iv) 2013-14
KZN	25	24	23
NC	01	01	0
EC	13	16	07
L	13	05	06
MP	20	07	13
NW	01	06	03
GP	24	12	12
FS	16	10	07
WC	13	16	11
Total	126	97	82

- (b) 28 cases were received.

- (2) (a) How many of these investigations were finalised in each (i) province and (ii) year, (b) what are the reasons that some investigations have not been finalised and (c) what sanction was applied for each complaint received?

(2) (a)(i) and (ii)

2011-2012

Province	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014	
	Received	Finalised	Received	Finalised	Received	Finalised
KZN	25	16	24	21	23	16
NC	01	0	01	1	0	0
EC	13	4	16	11	07	4
LP	13	7	05	3	06	5
MP	20	11	07	5	13	10
NW	01	1	06	4	03	2
GP	24	14	12	10	12	10
FS	16	9	10	8	07	7
WC	13	9	16	14	11	10
Total	126	71	97	77	82	64

- (b) Those cases that could not be finalised were carried over into the following year and attended to. Most of the cases were withdrawn owing to parents refusing SACE access to their children as witnesses. This greatly impacts on the number of cases that could have been finalised.
- (c) In respect of each case where an educator was found guilty of having indecently assaulted a learner or had consensual sexual intercourse with a learner or raped a learner, such educator's name was struck off from the roll of educators indefinitely.