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Mr GG Boinamo to ask the Minister of Education

(1) Whether during the course of 2006 the National Drug Authority (NDA) conducted or commissioned any visits to schools to present anti-drug programmes; if not, why not; if so, (a) what total budget was allocated to this purpose, (b)(i) which specified schools were visited and (ii) in which provinces are they located and (c) what was the nature of the presentations to these schools;

(2) whether the NDA has developed a proposal to conduct such visits to schools during 2007; if not, why not; if so, (a) what budget has been allocated for this and (b) which schools will be visited?

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REPLY:

(1) No, I am not aware of any visits to schools by the Central Drug Authority. The Central Drug Authority is a statutory body established in terms of the Prevention and Treatment of Drug Dependency Act (No. 20 of 1992). The administration of the Act is entrusted to the Department of Social Development, which is the lead department in the fight against substance abuse and also provides the secretariat for the Authority. The major function of the Authority is to develop the National Drug Master Plan as a national strategy for managing the demand and supply of drugs in the country and for facilitating an integrated approach to service delivery and the coordination of programmes on the management of the drug problem in all spheres of government and civil society.

(a)(b) and (c) not applicable.

(2) I am not aware of any proposal by the Authority to conduct visits to schools during 2007.

(a) and (b) not applicable.