

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 1569

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Mr N D du Toit (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) How many applications by educators are still awaiting processing for (a) incapacity leave and (b) ill-health retirement in each province;
- (2) what has been the impact of the delays in processing the specified applications?  
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REPLY:

- (1) How many applications by educators are still awaiting processing for (a) incapacity leave and (b) ill-health retirement in each province?

A total number of 21 407 applications have been received for the period January 2013 to 31 March 2013.

The breakdown per provincial Department of Education is captured below:

Province	Number of cases as at end 31 March 2013
EC	5 604
FS	804
GP	2 171
KZN	7 806
LP	448
MP	3 726
NW	256
NC	140
WC	452
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21 407</b>

**(2) What has been the impact of the delays in processing the specified applications?**

Due to the suspension of the contract of the Health Risk Managers (HRMs), Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) are unable to process and finalise PILIR applications. This has resulted in “double parking” whereby temporary educators are appointed in posts while those who are off sick for long periods continue to be paid. This places added stress on already strained compensation budgets of PEDs.