

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 994

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Mr MJ Ellis to ask the Minister of Education:

(1) With reference to the senior certificate results for each of the past five years up to and including 2005, which have been the (a) six high-performing districts, (b) 60 average districts and (c) 13 districts that need serious recovery interventions;

(2) whether her department has implemented any recovery interventions; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

(1) The comparison of district performance is not an approach that is adopted by the Department of Education since districts are different in terms of their size i.e. the number of schools. For example, the Namakwa district in the Northern Cape has 20 secondary schools, while the Capricorn district in the Limpopo province has 358 secondary schools. The profiles of these districts are also significantly different and therefore comparing the districts in terms of their Grade 12 results may be regarded as unfair.

The focus of the Department of Education, however, has been on schools in the district that have been under-performing. Schools that have performed below 60% have been classified as under-performing schools and they have been the target of the special intervention strategies by the District and the Provincial Head office. Schools that have performed below 20% have been a part of the special monitoring programme of the Department of Education (national).

Therefore, the attached table shows where schools have performed below 20% and where schools have performed above 80%.

(2) The National Strategy for Learner Attainment (NSLA) was launched in March 2005. The objectives of the strategy are as follows:

- To raise the performance of schools with a pass rate below 60% and to ensure that all schools performing below this benchmark are assisted to obtain achievements above the national pass average. To improve the

- quality of learner attainment in the Senior Certificate examination and assessment.
- To ensure that no school drops its previous performance by more than 10%.
 - To maintain and extend the national pass rate over 70%.

The ten key focus areas of the strategy are as follows:

- (a) Development of management and leadership skills for all school managers.
- (b) Availability of human and physical resources at schools.
- (c) Development of a comprehensive teacher development programme.
- (d) Protecting teaching time.
- (e) Quality contact time during teaching and learning.
- (f) Effective implementation of continuous assessment.
- (g) Ensuring that schools receive appropriate district support.
- (h) Enhancing proficiency in the language of teaching and learning.
- (i) Refining analysis of research and examination data to identify specific challenges.
- (j) Establishing common standards in the internal assessment programmes.

The strategy has been monitored and supported by the Department of Education over the last two years. Monitoring teams have visited under-performing schools and the districts to ensure that they are receiving the appropriate attention from the provincial education departments.

Much is being done at provincial level to support under-performing schools and these include, inter alia:

- More teaching, which includes, winter and spring schools, increased time in the classroom and media support.
- Setting standards through pace setters and, common examinations.
- Support to teachers through increased visits by subject advisors, workshops for teachers and more specific analysis of results and feedback.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

EASTERN CAPE

District Name	NO OF SCHOOLS (BELOW 20%)					NO OF SCHOOLS (ABOVE 80%)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bizana	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	4
Butterworth	13	7	3	6	2	1	3	8	3	4
Cofimvaba (Tsomo)	1	4	1	5	1	2	1	6	3	7
Cradock	1	0	0	1	0	5	6	9	7	8
East London	10	8	5	9	7	16	9	24	19	16
Engcobo	7	2	3	1	0	2	3	3	2	5
Fort Beaufort	7	7	5	6	2	6	5	8	10	5
Graaff-Reinet	1	1	0	0	1	6	4	8	6	5
Grahamstown	1	1	2	1	2	6	5	7	7	6
Idutywa	23	9	5	4	4	1	1	2	1	2
King Williams Town	27	12	10	18	13	8	8	15	12	11
Lady Frere	10	3	2	1	0	2	2	4	3	4
Libode	18	10	6	5	1	0	1	3	1	1
Lusikisiki	10	1	1	5	3	2	1	3	0	2
Maluti	9	0	0	2	2	4	0	2	1	3
Mount Fletcher	0	6	1	4	1	0	1	5	3	8
Mout Frere (Mount Ayliff)	7	3	0	1	1	1	2	5	1	1
Port Elizabeth	1	1	1	0	1	47	21	43	35	31
Queenstown	13	4	1	3	1	9	3	8	9	10
Qumbu (Tsolo)	11	9	2	3	1	0	0	3	5	5
Sterkspruit	11	10	6	6	1	5	2	6	4	4
Uitenhage	0	1	0	0	1	0	11	17	19	17
Umtata	7	6	2	8	3	7	6	8	10	9
Umzimkulu	6	4	0	3	1	2	3	3	3	4
	201	109	56	92	49	133	98	203	167	172

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

FREE STATE

District Name	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS (BELOW 20%)				NUMBER OF SCHOOLS (ABOVE 80%)			
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	2003	2004	2005
Fezile Dabi	1	0	0	0	33	46	45	37
Lejweleputswa	1	1	0	0	29	40	37	38
Motheo	2	1	1	0	37	51	51	48
Thabo Mofutsanyana	4	1	0	0	22	42	44	46
Xhariep	0	0	0	0	10	13	14	15
	8	3	1	0	131	192	191	184

Districts were different in 2001 than other years

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT	3	5
BLOEMFONTEIN WEST DISTRICT	2	34
HARRISMITH DISTRICT	3	3
KROONSTAD DISTRICT	1	8
LADYBRAND DISTRICT	3	7
ODENDAALSRSUS DISTRICT	3	7
PHUTHADITJABA DISTRICT	4	
REITZ DISTRICT	2	6
SASOLBURG DISTRICT	1	12
WELKOM DISTRICT	0	11
	22	93

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

GAUTENG

District Name	NO OF SCHOOLS (BELOW 20%)					NO OF SCHOOLS (ABOVE 80%)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1 Gauteng North	1	0	1	0	0	4	5	5	5	5
10 Johannesburg North	1	0	2	1	2	14	20	26	20	16
11 Johannesburg South	6	4	5	4	6	33	35	51	43	38
12 Johannesburg West	0	2	2	0	0	13	13	21	13	17
2 Gauteng West	1	0	0	0	0	21	22	26	23	21
3 Tshwane North	1	1	2	2	1	29	30	31	27	28
4 Tshwane South	1	2	2	0	0	34	39	41	47	48
5 East Rand East	1	2	1	0	0	36	41	39	35	35
6 East Rand West	2	0	1	0	0	37	43	49	45	43
7 Sedibeng East	2	0	0	2	0	14	13	16	14	16
8 Sedibeng West	2	1	0	0	1	10	16	23	17	10
9 Johannesburg East	3	3	2	2	1	32	34	39	39	36
	21	15	18	11	11	277	311	367	328	313

**NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT
KWAZULU-NATAL**

200111

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Durban North	16	79
Durban South	18	52
Empangeni	13	28
Ladysmith	13	40
Pietermaritzburg	9	39
Port shepstone	2	44
Ulundi	17	36
Vryheid	2	31
	90	349

200211

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Empangeni	6	52
eThekwini	2	59
Ladysmith	3	60
Okhahlamba	9	89
Ulundi	9	52
Umgungundlovu	1	69
Vryheid	1	36
Zululand	11	108
	42	525

200311

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
AMAJUBA	0	29
EMPANGENI	2	75
ILLEMBE	3	46
KOKSTAD	0	29
OBONJENI	2	41
OTHUKELA	0	51
PINETOWN	3	83
PORT SHEPSTONE	0	72
ULUNDI	0	
UMLAZI	6	110
UMZINYATHI	4	41
VRYHEID	2	87
VULINDLELA	0	72
	22	736

200411

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
AMAJUBA	1	36
EMPANGENI	2	44
ILLEMBE	3	35
KOKSTAD	2	21
OBONJENI	1	33
OTHUKELA	6	43
PINETOWN	2	81
PORT SHEPSTONE	2	55
ULUNDI	3	53
UMLAZI	3	100
UMZINYATHI	5	24
VRYHEID	1	37
VULINDLELA	2	60
	33	622

200511

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
AMAJUBA	1	36
EMPANGENI	2	44
ILLEMBE	3	35
KOKSTAD	2	21
OBONJENI	1	33
OTHUKELA	6	43
PINETOWN	2	81
PORT SHEPSTONE	2	55
ULUNDI	3	53
UMLAZI	3	100
UMZINYATHI	5	24
VRYHEID	1	37
VULINDLELA	2	60
	33	622

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

LIMPOPO

200111

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bushbuckridge Region	3	19
Region 1: Western	4	41
Region 2: Central	1	95
Region 3: Northern	3	64
Region 4: North East	0	30
Region 5: East	0	34
Region 6: Southern	16	50
	27	333

200211

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bushbuckridge Region	4	27
Capricorn District	0	1
Region 2: Central	2	142
Region 3: Northern	2	111
Region 4: North East	0	45
Region 5: East	1	70
Region 6: Southern	9	79
Waterberg District	2	61
	20	536

200311

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bushbuckridge Region	2	38
Capricorn District	0	1
Region 2: Central	4	155
Region 3: Northern	1	133
Region 4: North East	1	49
Region 5: East	1	66
Region 6: Southern	2	88
Waterberg District	2	53
	13	583

200411

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bohlabela District	3	41
Capricorn District	3	199
Greater Sekhukhune District	5	103
Mopani District	1	90
Region 4: North East	0	1
Vhembe District	1	120
Waterberg District	0	73
	13	627

200511

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bohlabela District	4	29
Capricorn District	5	150
Greater Sekhukhune District	7	79
Mopani District	0	90
Region 4: North East	0	0
Vhembe District	1	94
Waterberg District	2	48
	19	490

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

MPUMALANGA

District Name	NO OF SCHOOLS (BELOW 20%)					NO OF SCHOOLS (ABOVE 80%)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
EERSTEHOEK	3	3	0	0	2	2	4	5	9	15
ERMELO	8	2	0	1	2	11	13	15	16	13
GROBLERSDAL	7	2	1	0	0	4	5	7	11	7
HAZYVIEW	6	2	1	0	0	6	8	11	12	11
KWA MHLANGA	12	2	4	0	6	0	0	1	2	2
MALELANE	5	0	0	0	0	2	8	7	8	9
MORETELE	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	5
NELSPRUIT	4	0	0	1	1	6	10	11	13	8
STANDERTON	2	2	0	2	0	14	14	18	16	15
WITBANK	2	0	2	3	1	16	18	20	19	18
	53	13	8	7	12	62	81	98	109	103

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

NORTH WEST

200111

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Atamelang District	0	1
Brits District	0	13
Klerksdorp District	1	16
Litchtenburg District	1	7
Mabopane District	0	5
Mafikeng District	0	5
Mothibistad District	1	2
Potchefstroom District	1	10
Rustenburg District	0	18
Temba District	0	5
Vryberg District	0	10
Zeerust District	0	6
	4	98

200211

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bojanala East	0	0
Bojanala West	0	20
Bophirima	1	14
Central	0	5
Mabopane District	1	6
Mothibistad District	0	3
Potchefstroom District	1	14
Rustenburg District	0	26
Southern Region	0	9
Temba District	0	8
Vryburg District	0	10
Zeerust	0	12
	3	127

200311

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bojanala East	3	0
Bojanala West	0	14
Bophirima	1	24
Central	1	8
Mabopane District	0	7
Mothibistad District	0	4
Potchefstroom District	0	13
Rustenburg District	0	28
Southern Region	0	9
Temba District	0	6
Vryburg District	0	13
Zeerust	2	6
	7	132

200311

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bojanala East	1	20
Bojanala West	2	28
Bophirima	1	11
Central	2	17
Mabopane District	0	0
Mothibistad District	0	0
Potchefstroom District	0	0
Rustenburg District	0	0
Southern Region	0	33
Temba District	0	0
Vryburg District	0	0
Zeerust	0	0
	6	109

200411

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bojanala East	1	20
Bojanala West	2	28
Bophirima	1	11
Central	2	17
Mabopane District	0	0
Mothibistad District	0	0
Potchefstroom District	0	0
Rustenburg District	0	0
Southern Region	0	33
Temba District	0	0
Vryburg District	0	0
Zeerust	0	0
	6	109

200511

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Bojanala East	1	21
Bojanala West	1	25
Bophirima	2	12
Central	6	19
Mabopane District	0	0
Mothibistad District	0	0
Potchefstroom District	0	0
Rustenburg District	0	0
Southern Region	2	28
Temba District	0	0
Vryburg District	0	0
Zeerust	0	0
	12	105

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

NORTHERN CAPE

200111

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
De Aar	0	11
Frances Baard	0	30
Springbok	0	17
Upington	0	14
	0	72

200311

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Frances Baard	0	29
Karoo	0	22
Namakwa	0	16
Siyanda	0	22
	0	89

200211

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Frances Baard	0	25
Karoo	0	21
Namakwa	0	15
Siyanda	0	23
	0	84

200411

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Frances Baard	0	23
Karoo	0	16
Namakwa	0	16
Siyanda	0	16
	0	71

200511

District Name	BELOW 20%	ABOVE 80%
Frances Baard	0	20
Karoo	0	13
Namakwa	0	13
Siyanda	0	16
	0	62

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PERFORMED BELOW 20% AND ABOVE 80% IN A DISTRICT

Western Cape

District Name	NO OF SCHOOLS (BELOW 20%)					NO OF SCHOOLS (ABOVE 80%)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Breede River/Overberg	1	1	2	1	1	32	33	34	35	40
Central Metropole	5	4	4	3	2	53	56	58	54	54
Eastern Metropole	1	0	2	1	1	18	28	33	28	26
Northern Metropole	1	1	1	2	1	29	37	42	38	39
South Cape/Karoo	0	0	0	0	0	26	30	36	35	29
Southern Metropole	1	1	2	1	1	35	40	45	39	39
West Coast/Winelands	1	0	0	0	0	37	36	42	41	41
	10	7	11	8	6	230	260	290	270	268