

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 697

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Mr R Coetzee to ask the Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether her department has any statistics on the number of unemployed educators; if not, why not; if so, how many unemployed educators are there in each province;
- (2) Whether her department has conducted any investigation to determine (a) the availability of such educators for posts in public schools and (b) whether the skills and training of these educators match the needs of schools; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes. The Department of Education has a database of educators seeking employment. The following table shows their number in each province at 21 June 2006.

Province	Number
Eastern Cape	1 252
Free State	649
Gauteng	2 984
Kwazulu Natal	505
Limpopo	3 623
Mpumulanga	695
North West	1 238
Northern Cape	69
Western Cape	95
TOTAL	11 110

(2) (a) The database has been made available to provincial education departments and some educators have found employment. The provincial breakdown of the number of educators who were successful in gaining employment is not available at present.

(b) The educators on the database are qualified in over 35 learning areas/subjects. The breakdown of the number of educators in the top ten learning areas/subjects per province is provided for your information in the table below. It can be seen that there are educators with the requisite skills and training to fill most vacant posts at schools.

TOP 10 LEARNING AREAS/SUBJECTS OF UNEMPLOYED EDUCATORS |

SUBJECT	EASTERN CAPE	MPUMALANGA	WESTERN CAPE	NORTHERN CAPE	LIMPOPO	NORTH WEST	GAUTENG	FREE STATE	KZN	TOTALS
1. ENGLISH	664	441	46	40	2188	607	1842	406	272	6506
2. AFRIKAANS	198	197	23	19	1023	333	820	209	86	2908
3.GEOGRAPHY	232	99	15	17	943	334	599	237	84	2560
4. MATHS	313	210	18	18	600	329	642	159	145	2434
5. BIOLOGY	138	143	2	16	865	152	596	173	67	2152
6. HISTORY	252	102	31	14	506	321	530	142	135	2033
7. PEDI	1	150	0	1	879	26	556	5	0	1618
8. TSONGA	1	63	0	1	638	7	162	0	0	872
9. XHOSA	563	4	28	2	22	4	95	18	12	747
10. SETSWANA	0	31	0	28	10	439	211	27	0	746