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Mr DA Kganare (Cope) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has developed any educational materials and support programmes to assist educators to effectively teach key aspects relating to (a) climate change and (b) global warming; if not, why not, if so, (i) how many educational materials were developed, (ii) in which (aa) languages and (bb) provinces and (iii) how many educators received training.? NO3141E

Reply:

- (a) Although there are no separate educational materials that have been developed for climate change. Climate change is integrated and addressed in Natural Sciences and Social Sciences in Grades 4 – 9 and in Geography, Physical Science and Life Sciences in Grades 10 – 12.
- (b) As in (a) above.
- (i) Education materials for climate change and global warming are in approved textbooks for subjects on the national catalogue of textbooks for Grades 10 – 12 and provincial catalogues for Grades 4 – 9 for subjects listed in (a) above.
- (ii) (aa) The textbooks are in English and Afrikaans as languages of learning and teaching (LoLT) for the majority of learners in Grades 4 – 12.

(bb) All nine provinces use the national catalogue of textbooks.
- (iii) In 2008 the ninety nine Geography subject advisors were specifically trained on climate change and global warming by the Department of Education to support teachers in all schools.