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Mr V C Gore to ask the Minister of Education:

(a) How many schools for learners with special educational needs (LSEN) were there in each province in respect of each of the past five years and (b) what is the (i) current and (ii) targeted ratio between such learners and LSEN schools in each province?

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REPLY:

(a) and (b): The following statistics are available in respect of numbers of special schools per province as well as the number of learners attending the schools. The numbers for 2006 are not yet available for all provinces, as the Annual Survey on Special Schools has not yet been completed. Not all provinces have been able to provide projected numbers for 2007. The current ratio between learners and special schools per province is also given.

In general it is expected that the number of learners who are admitted to special schools over the next 10 years will drop proportionally as more and more learners with disabilities are included in ordinary schools.

GAUTENG

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	97	96	103	102	102	103
Learners	29348	30023	33111	33861	33772	34785
Ratio	303	313	321	332	331	338

EASTERN CAPE

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	44	43	42	43	43	Not available
Learners	8884	8023	8396	8521		Not available
Ratio	201	186	199	198		Not available

FREE STATE

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	20	20	20	20	20	Not available
Learners	4713	4535	4878	5020	5051	Not available
Ratio	235.7	226.8	243.9	251	252.6	Not available

LIMPOPO

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	21	23	23	25	19	Not available
Learners	4548	5901	5901	6659		Not available

Ratio	216	256	256	266		Not available
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NORTH WEST

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	39	40	40	49	37	Not available
Learners	4688	3957	3957	1718	2950	Not available
Ratio	120	98	98	35	79	Not available

NORTHERN CAPE

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	9	9	9	9	9	9
Learners	1395	1457	1502	1310	1390	1445
Ratio	155	161		187	198	206

MPUMALANGA

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	18	18	18	18	16	Not available
Learners	2489	2926	2452	3218		Not available
Ratio	138	162	136	178		Not available

KWAZULU NATAL

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	61	62	62			Not available
Learners	11206	10578	10578			Not available
Ratio	183	170	170			Not available

WESTERN CAPE

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Target for 2007
Schools	68	68	68	68		Not available
Learners	10697	13776	13980	14927		Not available
Ratio	183	202	205	219		Not available