

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 110**

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#### **Mrs C Dudley to ask the Minister of Education:**

- (1) How many schools in the Eastern Cape have acting principals and / or acting deputy principals at present;
- (2) Whether certain schools (names furnished) in Port Elizabeth still have acting principals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when will these situations be addressed and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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#### **REPLY:**

- (1) The Eastern Cape Education Department is unable to provide the information requested. However, in October 2005 the provincial department advertised 279 vacant deputy principal posts and 1,174 vacant principal posts and these are in the process of being filled. While the posts are vacant, the provincial department has appointed educators to act in the posts.
- (2) The schools are Lamani School and Kwazakhele High in Port Elizabeth and both have acting principals.

The principal of Lamani School retired in 2005. The post was advertised and interviews have been held. An appointment is to be made from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

The principal of Kwazakhele High has been "displaced" from his post for the past three years. The community has threatened his life if he returned to the school. The principal has been reporting to the District Office, which has been negotiating a resumption of his duties. The Eastern Cape Education Department is monitoring the situation.