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QUESTION 1613

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 22/2013)

Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:

How many teachers from (a) state and (b) private schools have been screened against the Child Protection Register? NW1959E

Response:

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) has not yet commenced with screening any teachers against the Child Protection Register either in public or private schools.

In June 2013, SACE, Department of Basic Education, Department of Social Development, Department of Justice, Equal Education and Women Legal Centre held a Round Table to discuss the prescripts of the Child Protection Act and to develop mechanisms on how to report offenders to the Department of Social Development.

The commencement date will be set as soon as the resolutions of the Round Table are presented to the senior structures of SACE, DBE, PEDs and DSD for ratification.

The resolutions include processes and protocols for SACE, DBE, PEDs and DSD to follow in the submission of names of teachers deemed unsuitable to work with children to the Department of Social Development for inclusion on to the register.