

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 42

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 03-02-2006
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 1-2006)

Mr GG Boinamo to ask the Minister of Education:

In each province, during the most recent specified year for which information is available, how many (a) teachers in total (i) resigned and (ii) retired, (b) teachers who were qualified to teach (i) maths (ii) science (aa) resigned and (bb) retired, (c) students qualified as teachers and (d) of these students were qualified to teach (i) maths and (ii) science?

N56E

REPLY:

(a) Information is available on teacher resignations and retirements for the nine-month period April to December 2005. A total of 3,921 teachers resigned, and a total of 4,162 teachers retired, making a grand total of 8,083 teachers resigned or retired.

Number of teachers per province, retired or resigned, April to December 2005

Province	Retired	Resigned
Eastern Cape	588	332
Free State	211	340
Gauteng	549	1,216
KwaZulu-Natal	311	588
Limpopo	225	231
Mpumalanga	174	235
North West	141	184
Northern Cape	171	103
Western Cape	1,792	692
Total	4,162	3,921

Source: Vulindlela website.

- (b) The teacher resignations and retirements are not disaggregated into their subject and/or learning areas.
- (c) In 2004, 9,315 students graduated from public higher education institutions as teachers. Information for 2005 is as yet unavailable.

(d) The information requested is not available. It should be noted that most teachers qualify for the primary-school phase, where there are no subject specializations as teachers are prepared for all learning areas.