Dr JC Kloppers - Lourens (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

1. Whether teachers are required to contribute towards the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), if so, (a) what conditions apply to their joining and (b) what reasons might result in a teacher not contributing to the UIF; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what other provision is made for teachers who lose their jobs? NW312E

REPLY:

1 In terms of section 4 of the Unemployment Insurance Contributions Act, No. 4 of 2002 (the Act), the Act applies to all employers and employees, other than, inter alia, employers and employees in the national and provincial spheres of government.

1(a) They may not join at all

1(b) They are prohibited to join by law

1(b)(i) They are required to contribute towards the Government Employees' Pension Fund (GEPF)

1(b)(ii) Government employees contribute to the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), and upon termination of service, pension benefits are paid to the former government employees.