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Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the findings of the 2012 study undertaken by the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention on school violence in South Africa;
- (2) whether her department maintains statistics related to incidents of school violence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) data collection process and (b) statistics themselves;
- (3) whether her department has completed the School Safety Framework; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the development be completed; if so, (i) when and (ii) how will the framework be implemented? NW1943E

RESPONSE

1. Yes, I have been informed of the findings of the 2012 National School Violence Study (NSVS) undertaken by the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCP). We work closely with CJCP in our school safety programme.
2. Schools submit written reports of incidents to the district offices who then forward them to the Provincial office. Provinces collate the statistics related to incidences of violence in schools. These statistics are requested from provinces when required.
3. The National School Safety Framework is currently being developed. This comprehensive framework will respond to the findings of the 2012 NSVS, making it evidence-based and possible to assess progress. The Department is working with CJCP in this regard.
 - (a) The first Draft of the Framework will be ready by the end of July 2013.

- (b) The Framework will be used to develop national and provincial plans for implementation by national and provincial education departments. In the meantime, the Department is implementing a School Safety Programme that links schools to police stations and trains education officials and educators on school safety management to ensure the safety and protection of learners. In addition, the programme has a specific focus on a continuous anti-bullying campaign.