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

Whether any high schools have stopped offering mathematics as a subject for grades 10, 11 and 12 since the 2011 academic year; if so, (a) how many schools and (b) what is the main reason for this?NO409E

REPLY:

(a) Table 1: Number of schools that didn't offer mathematics for grades 10, 11 and 12 as a subject, in 2012 academic year.

Province	Number of schools
Limpopo	37
Mpumalanga	9
Northern Cape	1
North West	22
Western Cape	15
South Africa	84

(b) The anecdotal evidence indicates that reasons for these among others relate to unavailability of suitably qualified teachers in mathematics as a subject. However, it is important to observe that the number of learners who wrote mathematics in 2012 was higher than those who wrote this subject in 2011. For instance, in 2012, 225 874 learners wrote as opposed to 224 635 learners in 2011.

