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**1990. Mrs C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

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What (a) total number of ghost teachers have been on the systems of each provincial education department from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2022 and (b) is the (i) rate of educator absenteeism in each province and (ii) associated cost in Rand value of such absenteeism amongst educators in each province?

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##### **Response**

(a), (b) (i)(ii). The National Department does not collect the requested information as part of its routine monitoring and support framework. The Department will, however, request each Provincial Education Department to provide the information as requested. The information will be provided to the Honorable Member of Parliament once it is obtained.