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**114. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

***Food nutrition***

(1) With reference to the Lephalala Primary School in Sekgosese Circuit in Molemole Local Municipality which has not been supplied with any food nutrition since 1 February 2022, what actions have been taken to (a) ensure that learners from the said school catch up with the lost school hours since 1 February 2022 as a result of the school adjourning at 11:00 every day and (b) address the failure by service provider to provide all the food frequently during 2021;

(2) whether any actions have been taken to recover the money that was paid for undelivered food during 2021; if not, why not; if so, (a) what actions, (b) how much was paid to the service provider for the food that was not delivered and (c) what are the further relevant details?

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##### **Response**

The Ministry and the Department of Basic Education were not aware that learners Lephhalala Primary School in Molemole Local Municipality in Limpopo were leaving school at 11:00 since 1 February 2022 because the service provider did not deliver food. Nutrition-related challenges in an individual school are not addressed at a national level. Circuit Managers, at a local level, are responsible for supporting schools to address all challenges related to the National School Nutrition Programme. District offices and provincial offices intervene when circuit offices are unable to resolve the matter.

The Department of Basic Education has referred the matter to the Limpopo Department of Education for a comprehensive response.