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WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 383.

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**383. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Payment for unused tablets

Why the Eastern Cape Department of Education is still paying millions of rand for tablets that are not being used by matric learners (details furnished)?

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Response

The State IT Agency has instituted civil proceedings at the Bhisho High Court against both the Eastern Cape DoE and the Service Provider. It is based on this litigation that the ECDoE has been interdicted from continuing using the leased tablets to Grade 12 learners in the province.

Therefore, the ECDoE cannot use the devices until the court has adjudicated on this matter.