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482. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department keeps a record of heads of departments who serve as acting heads in each province; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the names of the acting heads of department in the North West Department of Education in the 2024 academic year, (b) are their substantive position and (c) is the period for which each was acting?

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Response

The Department of Basic Education has advised that it does not keep a record of officials who serve as the acting Head of the Provincial Education Department in each province.

Section 32 of the Public Service Act, 1994 (as amended) entrusts the MEC for Education, as the responsible executive authority, in each province with the authority to appoint an official to act as the Head of a Provincial Education Department. In this case, the MEC for Education in the North West is responsible for maintaining records of acting appointments in respect of the Head of the North West Department of Education in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Act, 1994 (as amended), read with applicable regulations.

The question therefore falls under the executive authority of the MEC for Education in the North West. The Member is kindly requested to refer the question to the MEC for Education in the North West, as per section 92(3)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Rule 134(5)(b) of the National Assembly Rules.