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**879. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

. What (a) are the full details of the (i) measures (ii) infrastructure adjustments and (iii) assistive technologies that have been put in place by her department to ensure that schools are fully accessible to learners with physical disabilities in the past five years, (b)(i) monitoring and evaluation frameworks are in place to assess the effectiveness of the measures, infrastructure adjustments and assistive technologies and (ii) how often are the evaluations conducted and (c) plans of improvement does she intend to introduce in this regard?

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**What (a) are the full details of the (i) measures (ii) infrastructure adjustments and (iii) assistive technologies that have been put in place by her department to ensure that schools are fully accessible to learners with physical disabilities in the past five years,**

As part of the obligations, the Mobile Network Operators are in the process of finalising the rollout of ICT devices, mobile connectivity, and assistive devices to all the public Special Schools. To-date **348 (78%)** Special Schools have received the solution. It should be noted that the assistive devices are relevant to the needs of each school. The table below indicated the number of schools per province:

<b>#</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Vodacom</b>	<b>MTN</b>	<b>Liquid Tech</b>	<b>Cell C</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Eastern Cape	17	9	7	1	<b>34</b>
2	Free State	11	6	5	3	<b>25</b>
3	Gauteng	38	29	26	10	<b>103</b>
4	KwaZulu Natal	18	10	16	3	<b>47</b>
5	Limpopo	13	11	8	2	<b>34</b>
6	Mpumalanga	4	6	2	3	<b>15</b>
7	Northern Cape	5	3	0	0	<b>8</b>
8	North West	13	11	7	4	<b>35</b>
9	Western Cape	21	7	19	0	<b>47</b>

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>348</b>
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MTN and Liquid Intelligent Technologies will complete the rollout in the 2025 academic year. While Cell C will finalise the implementation in the 2026/27 financial year.

**(b) monitoring and evaluation frameworks are in place to assess the effectiveness of the measures, infrastructure adjustments and assistive technologies and (ii) how often are the evaluations conducted and (c) plans of improvement does she intend to introduce in this regard?**

The role of my department is to provide monitoring and oversight. Therefore, on an annual basis as part of the Annual Performance Plan, the Basic Education Sector Mobile Network Operators Mobile Network Operators (DBE and PEDs) conducts monitoring and support visits to provinces to determine how teachers and learners are using these ICT equipment and assistive technologies in the classroom.