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1216. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) What (a) procedures and (b) processes are in place to ensure quality education in the home-schooling sector;
- (2) how has her department engaged with the home-schooling sector to determine accountability measures to regulate and ensure quality education?

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Response

1. When registering for Home Education, parents, or guardians must indicate the curriculum to be followed; and submit the learning programmes chosen, together with the application. Quarterly, parents or guardians must also submit learner's assessment reports, signed by the competent assessor to the provincial education department, as evidence of learner performance at the end of each phase.

2. In terms of the Policy on Home Education, a parent should first ensure that the results of assessment tasks, such as tests and examinations, are valid and reliable through implementing measures, such as invigilation of the learner during the process of completion of such tasks. Secondly, a parent should use the services of a competent assessor to assess the progress of her or his child, against the minimum outcomes and standards. Thirdly, provincial education departments must conduct home education site visits, so that learners receive education on par with that which is provided in the public education system. Lastly, the Department of Basic Education holds meetings with the home education community to ensure that they are aware of the requirements for ensuring access to quality education for learners.