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**QUESTION 143.**

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**143. . Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) number of schools have been converted into focused schools and (b) are the future plans to have more special schools?

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#### **Response**

In total, Provincial Education Departments reported in the 2021/22 financial year, that 540 Focus Schools are in operation. However, some provinces are reporting Public Ordinary Schools as being Focus Schools. Such nominally reported schools, do not conform to the Guideline definition of a Focus School and are indistinguishable from Public Ordinary Schools.

Provincial education departments continue to build more special schools.