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2087.. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What measures has her department put in place to strike a balance between the representation of minority groups and languages and the inclusion and non-discrimination of other learners on the basis of language, in light of the alleged resistance to dual-medium education by certain groups of society (details furnished)?

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Response

The Department has been engaging with School Governing Bodies (SGB) of affected schools to find amicable solutions under difficult circumstances. The current powers given to SGBs in the South African Schools Act, 84 of 1996 makes it difficult to resolve such cases. The current BELA Bill aims to remedy this situation by allowing Heads of Departments to intervene when elements of discrimination in the language and admission policies are detected.