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**QUESTION 4353**

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**4353. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

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

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##### **Response**

**1. What (a) procedures and (b) processes does the departments have in place for quality education in the home education sector.**

##### **Response:**

1 (a) (b)

There is a Policy on Home Education that guides parents with regard to the registration and the implementation of home education. All learners involved in home education must be registered. The criteria for registration is part of ensuring quality in home education. The responsibilities and roles of the PEDs with regard to home education include, but are not limited to the following:

- registration of a learner for home education;
- protection of personal information;
- monitoring of home education;
- withdrawal of the registration of a learner; and
- development and maintenance of data on home education.

Officials conduct home site visits to monitor the implementation of home education and provide support where necessary.

Parents also submit progress reports to the department on learner performance.

**2. How has the department engaged with the home education sector to determine accountability measures to regulate quality education in home education?**

##### **Response :**

According to the Policy on Home Education, the PEDs should conduct a pre-registration home education site visit to verify information and provide support where necessary. There is a standardised verification tool which officials complete to ensure that parents comply with the conditions of registrations stated in the policy.

Parents must also monitor the progress of the learner between Grade 1 to 9 and keep records which should be available when the PED officials conduct monitoring of the home. These reports of assessment must be conducted and completed by a

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competent assessor at the end of Grade 3, 6 and 9 and submitted to the Head of Department (HOD).