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**QUESTION 544. [Ê94]**

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**544. [Ê94]. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**[Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

- (a) What total number of learners are currently beneficiaries of the National School Nutrition Programme and (b) who is tasked with compiling and overseeing a healthy nutritional menu?

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**Response**

a) 9 689 300 learners are beneficiaries of the National School Nutrition Programme.

b) The Department of Basic Education through the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) oversees the menu compilation in line with the conditions as set out in the Conditional Grant Framework. The DBE has in its employ a qualified Dietician and Nutritionists who are tasked to review and assess healthy nutritional menus for each Provincial Education Department during the annual business planning process. The DBE periodically liaises with the Department of Health to align with health and food safety standards/Regulations.