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59. . Mr A M Shaik Emam (NFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) What measures is her department putting in place to prevent the negative behaviour of learners at schools (details furnished);
- (2) whether her department is considering deploying safety ambassadors and/or social workers to deal with the increase of violence and other unacceptable behaviour at basic education level; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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1. The Department of Basic Education monitors the implementation of the National School Safety Framework (NSSF) in all Education Districts. The NSSF is the overall strategy of the Basic Education Sector to ensure that schools are safe and are a conducive environment for teaching and learning. The department, through the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs), monitors the development and implementation of learner codes of conducts in schools. The learner codes of conduct are developed in partnership with school management and governance stakeholders. The code of conduct contains acceptable learner behaviour standards, and all parents of a particular school have to sign.

2. The PEDs offer psycho-social support to learners and teachers, who become victims of violence or trauma. In most provincial departments, these services are in district offices. The department has a protocol with the South African Police Services, which requires all schools to be linked to their local police stations. As a result, specific police officers are deployed to work with schools in preventing and reducing violence.