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**QUESTION 869.**

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**869. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What (a) measures has her department put in place to accommodate learners with autism in the schooling system and (b) total number of children living with autism are not in schools?

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#### **Response**

a) Provincial education departments have put in place the following measures to accommodate autistic learners:

- Building schools to accommodate autistic learners;
- Accommodating them in existing special schools; and
- Introducing special classes in schools.

b) The Department of Basic Education does not have this data as it is the prerogative of Statistics South Africa.