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

Against the background of the perceived failure of the SA Council for Educators to manage and facilitate the professional development of educators, what measures is her department taking to ensure that educators meet minimum quality standards?

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#### **Response**

- SACE is not responsible for the provisioning of professional development but monitoring and managing the Continuous Professional Teacher Development (CPTD) system in terms of endorsing the professional development programs and activities and approving professional development providers as part of its quality management function. Therefore, teachers will benefit from quality and fit-for-purpose SACE endorsed programs that are provided by the SACE approved providers in the professional development provisioning system
- The Department of Basic Education has put systems in place to address professional development of educators to ensure that they meet quality standards, amongst them are: The Master Plan for CPTD programs, the Professional Development for Digital Learning Framework which emanated to the development of the Digital skills programs for educators and the provincial three-year plans as well as the National Institute for Curriculum and Teacher Development (NICPD) online platform. All CTDP programs captured by all these plans are SACE endorsed. DBE monitors the roll-out of these national programs and report quarterly. Some of these programs are also delivered in collaboration with NECT, VVOB, British Council and the Educators' Unions through Teacher Union Collaboration such as the Skills for the Changing World. The Department has also developed tools to measure impact of these programs from 2023.