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**127. . Ms N V Mente-Nkuna (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether, in light of the learners of Falo Senior Secondary School, Falteni Senior Secondary School, DM Skosana Senior Secondary School, Damane Senior Secondary School and Qhumanco Senior Secondary School, who are still subjected to walking long distances to their respective schools, her department is responsible for scholar transport for Sakhisizwe Senior Secondary School, in Intsika Yethu local municipality, Eastern Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the status of scholar transport for Sakhisizwe Senior Secondary School, in Intsika Yethu local municipality, Eastern Cape;

(2) whether she will furnish Ms N V Mente-Nkuna with the details of service providers intended to provide scholar transport along with their routes; if not, why not; if so, when does she envisage doing so?

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Response

1. Learner Transport Programme is a shared responsibility between the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Transport. The National Department of Basic Education is not responsible for the provisioning of Learner Transport Programme. The provisioning and prioritisation of learner transport programme is a provincial competency and in this case, the provisioning of learner transport in the Eastern Cape resides with the Provincial Department of Transport and it is funded through the Equitable Share allocations.

2. The provisioning of learner transport programme is a provincial competency and as such, the question falls under the Executive Authority of the Member of the Executive Council (MEC). The Member is kindly requested to refer the question to the MEC as per section 92(3)(b) of the Constitution and Rule 134 (5)(b) of the NA rules. The Provincial Department of Transport in the Eastern Cape as the contracting authority will be in a position to furnish the Honourable Member with the details of the service providers along with the routes.