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QUESTION 1361.

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1361. Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) What (a) is the allocated budget for scholar transport for each province and (b) procedures and processes are in place to ensure that the budget allocated for scholar transport is not mismanaged;
- (2) whether each province has received their full budget for the 2023-24 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what total number of learners are (a) reliant on scholar transport, (b) provided for and (c) able to make use of scholar transport in each province?

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Response

1. a)

Province	2023/24
	Budget
Eastern Cape	R 694,000,000.00
Free State	R 102,400,000.00
Gauteng	R 1,046,934,000.00
KwaZulu Natal	R 266,400,000.00
Limpopo	R 466,231,000.00
Mpumalanga	R 464,891,000.00
Northern Cape	R 191,481,000.00
North West	R 450,000,000.00
Western Cape	R 493,299,000.00
RSA	R 4,175,636,000.00

(b) Learner Transport Programme is funded through the Equitable share allocations to Provinces by Treasury. Learner Transport Programme is managed through the Learner Transport Policy published in 2015 and responsible Provincial Departments

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of Education and Transport are responsible for the administration of the budget through their internal controls, Treasury regulations and oversight to ensure accountability for the control of the allocated budget.

2. Yes, Each Province has received their full budget for the 2023-24 financial year. See above table.

3. (a) **875 985** Learners rely on Scholar Transport Nationally.

(b&c) **685 157** Learners are being provided and use learner transport programme. Details below.

Learners transported per quarter 3											
PROVINCE	NEEDS		TARGET			Q 3 Progress					
	No. of Learners in Need	No. of Schools in Need	No. of Learners Targeted	No. of Schools Targeted	% of Learners Targeted	No. of Learners Transported in Q 1	No. of Learners Transported in Q 2	No. of Learners Transported in Q 3	No. of schools	% Learners Against the Target	% Learners Against the Need
Eastern Cape	139823	1595	102998	1039	74%	125423	125071	125205	1,009	122%	90%
Free State	9933	178	9933	178	100%	9458	9524	9005	163	91%	91%
Gauteng	191021	628	185023	593	97%	188685	190857	194429	645	105%	102%
KwaZulu Natal	231188	1550	61000	402	26%	73933	73933	71862	402	118%	31%
Limpopo	69005	580	56062	483	81%	56062	57636	59905	496	107%	87%
Mpumalanga	64500	351	64500	351	100%	64500	69725	69725	351	108%	108%
North West	82050	530	71347	438	87%	64450	64450	64450	314	90%	79%
Northern Cape	25799	267	25754	270	100%	25754	25878	25832	272	100%	100%
Western Cape	62666	472	62666	472	100%	64301	64843	64744	472	103%	103%
TOTAL	875985	6151	639283	4226	73%	672,566	681,917	685,157	4,124	107%	78%