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**QUESTION 1482.**

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**1482. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department is responsible to intervene to provide relief to the learners of Nqabeni Senior Primary School, who are currently using a makeshift bridge, risking their lives to cross the deadly Mvumbeni River to get to school as the provincial education department has failed to provide any form of relief; if not, why not; if so what intervening steps has been taken to provide relief?

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**Response**

The relevant provincial department/municipality is responsible for the provision of the relief sought. The provincial department of education, is however, responsible for liaising with the relevant entity in government to ensure access to education by learners and that their safety is not compromised.