

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1806.**

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**1806. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What programmes has she put in place in the past three academic years so that learners have opportunity to learn music in public schools?

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#### **Response**

**What programmes and opportunities are in place to expose learners in music?**

##### **1. Music as a Curriculum Offering**

The Department of Basic Education's (DBE) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) caters for Music as one of the examinable subjects for learners and schools up to Grade 12 level.

##### **2. Music as a Co-Curricular and Enrichment Activity in Schools**

The DBE annually prescribes a music syllabus that is distributed to schools for participation in the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE). Primary and Secondary schools, including farm and special schools are afforded the platform to participate in this event. The DBE also works with Provincial Education Departments and other organisations like AssitejSA, in promoting other music genres, including indigenous and traditional music.