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**QUESTION 2332.**

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**2332.. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What steps has her department taken to (a) ensure and (b) encourage the fast-tracking of the signing and submission of invoices which will guarantee the delivery of complete food items for June 2023?

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#### **Response**

The Department tracks provincial expenditure through monthly reports that are required in terms of the Division of Revenue Act. Under-spending is often an indication of delayed payments.

The provinces are also required to provide reasons for under-spending. Where there are challenges, the DBE intervenes through forums such as Budget Standards, Inter-provincial meetings as well as direct engagements with provinces,