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

Given the high cost of living and the rising cases of stunted growth among children of school-going age, what steps has her department taken to partner with provinces to identify and maintain nutritious meal plans for high-risk learners, both on and off school premises?

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Response

The Department of Basic Education provides meals through the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP), and has progressively introduced breakfast in consultation with provinces, (a phased-in approach) over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) to support learners' nutritional needs. School meals are provided on school premises (and not off school premises) in compliance with the Grant purpose.