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**444. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What has been the (a) total growth rate and (b) value of the private sector schools' market in the past three academic years?

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#### **Response**

(a) The School Realities shows the growth of Independent Schools as follows: In 2020, there were 673 053 learners in 2195 schools. In 2021, there were 703 092 learners in 2154 schools while in 2022, there were 735 085 learners in 2282 schools. The trend shows growth in both learners and schools.

(b) The DBE cannot pronounce on the value of the private sector schools' market.