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**445. . Ms B P Mbinqo-Gigaba (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

In light of the significant number of learners who get pregnant, which manifests in the community as schools are not isolated from the social issues that affect society, what has she found to be the impact of the efforts of her department to prevent learner pregnancy?

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#### **Response**

Teenage pregnancy remains a concern in the Department, as it continues to undermine educational outcomes. The Department is collaborating with sector departments, such as the Departments of Health, Justice and Social Development, as well as SAPS, to enable a multi-sectoral response in the prevention and management of learner pregnancy. In this regard, the Department of Health provides quarterly updates to the Department of Basic Education on the deliveries in health facilities, as per Department of Health Information System (DHIS). The data extracted on 26 July 2023 reflects 156 154 deliveries by 10-19-year-olds recorded in April 2021 and March 2022.

However, when one compares the data from April 2021 – March 2022, and April 2022 to March 2023, there is an observable decline of 29 058. This decline is attributed to a decrease in 8 Provinces, whilst Gauteng increased from 24 445 to 24 941, consequently increasing by 496. A significant decrease was reported in Limpopo and Mpumalanga as both Provinces decreased by a minimum of 1 000 deliveries; followed by Eastern Cape and North West, with a decrease of over 700 deliveries. It is critical to note that this decrease is observable in all ages, 10-14 and 15 -19-year-olds.

Below is the data extracted from the DHIS:

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organisationunitname	periodname	Delivery 10-14 years in facility	Delivery 15-19 years in facility	Termination of pregnancy 10-19 years	Totals	Decrease by	Increase by
za South Africa (National Government)	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	3963	135398	16793	↑156 154,0		
za South Africa (National Government)	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	2976	108220	15900	↓27 096,0	29,058	
ec Eastern Cape Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	627	18333	1750	↑20 710,0		
ec Eastern Cape Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	553	17064	2391	↓20 008,0	702,0	
fs Free State Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	147	6500	1025	↑7 672,0		
fs Free State Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	139	5974	1193	↓7 306,0	366,0	
<b>gp Gauteng Province</b>	<b>Apr 2021 to Mar 2022</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>20328</b>	<b>3568</b>	<b>↓24 445,0</b>		
<b>gp Gauteng Province</b>	<b>Apr 2022 to Mar 2023</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>20261</b>	<b>4186</b>	<b>↑24 941,0</b>		496,0
kz KwaZulu-Natal Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	993	34827	2604	↑38 424,0		
kz KwaZulu-Natal Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	794	34029	2976	↓37 799,0	625,0	
lp Limpopo Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	518	17552	2771	↑20 841,0		
lp Limpopo Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	467	16726	2595	↓19 788,0	1 053,0	
mp Mpumalanga Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	419	14006	1159	↑15 584,0		
mp Mpumalanga Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	403	12469	1708	↓14 580,0	1 004,0	
nc Northern Cape Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	101	3875	250	↑4 226,0		
nc Northern Cape Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	81	3674	301	↓4 056,0	170,0	
nw North West Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	216	9208	1524	↑10 948,0		
nw North West Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	201	8463	1399	↓10 063,0	885,0	
wc Western Cape Province	Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	393	10769	2142	↑13 304		
wc Western Cape Province	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	365	10123	2425	↓12 913	391	

**Data extracted 26 July 2023: DHIS**