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684. Ms N G Adoons (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (a) How is her department utilising the National School Nutrition Programme expenditure to support local economies such as small farmers, historically disadvantaged farmers and co-operatives and (b) does her department monitor this aspect?

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Response

(a) The National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP), is in the main delivered by the respective Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) – the fund recipients in terms of the Division of Revenue Act (DORA). The Department of Basic Education (the fund holder, in terms of the DORA) transfers funds to the respective PEDs on quarterly basis; and this is done on the basis of approved business plans.

No fee schools and some deserving fee-paying schools receive funding from their respective PEDs to feed deserving learners on a daily basis. It has become a norm, that schools procure the required foodstuffs from micro and small business enterprises (SMMEs). Currently, there are no small-holder farmers nor cooperatives that are directly involved in the NSNP.

(b)The PEDs have a responsibility, to submit quarterly reports on the roll-out of the NSNP to the DBE; and these reports are scrutinised at meetings between the DBE and the PEDs, which are convened on a quarterly basis.