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

What (a) progress has been made concerning her department's support for the distribution of sanitary towels to protect the dignity of the girl child and (b) total number of learners are beneficiaries of such support?

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Response

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) does not implement the programme of providing sanitary dignity to indigent girls because the funding for this programme still resides with the Department of Social Development (DSD). The DBE however participates in the national structures that aim to address sanitary dignity and menstrual hygiene management, coordinated by the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.