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**QUESTION 939**

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**939. Ms S A Luthuli (KwaZulu-Natal: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Improvement of quality of education . What interventions have been made to improve the quality of education that is offered in public schools?

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#### **Response**

#### **Overview of Interventions for MST Subjects**

##### **Learner interventions across provinces**

- For Grade 12, provision of additional Teaching and Learning Support Materials (LTSM) such as Mind the Gap Study Guides, Exemplar exam papers and tests, Study booklets and Online LTSM, being videos and books.
- Extra tuition
- For learners in schools at risk of poor performance, as well as for high performing learners, Vacation classes, Saturday classes and online tuition were provided.
- The DBE has monitored these interventions to ensure delivery. It should be noted that Autumn interventions for 2022 were conducted in only seven provinces these being North West and Northern Cape.
- Self - Study guides for Technical Specialisations were finalised in February 2022.

##### **Ring-fenced funding**

The DBE requested a conditional grant from National Treasury whose purpose it is to support Provinces to strengthen the implementation of the National Development Plan and the Action Plan to 2030 by increasing the number of learners taking mathematics, science and technology subjects, improving the success rates in the subjects and improving teachers' capabilities. This is the Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST) Conditional Grant, amounting to approximately R400 million annually, in support of 500 Public Ordinary Secondary Schools (POSSs), 200 Technical High Schools and 300 Primary Feeder POSSs.

##### **Mathematics**

###### **Learner interventions**

- Extra afternoon classes, Saturday classes, Autumn classes and Winter classes
- Online Content Lessons and marking guidelines discussion and provide DVDs
- School Based, District and Provincial moderation

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- Siyavula Online Interaction where learners gauge their understanding which encourages and exposes learners to more additional exercises to practice problem-solving

#### Teacher interventions

- Focus on the Teachers with Mathematics pass under 70% and novice teachers
- Start-up work shops
- School Based Assessment (SBA) and content workshop
- Content and methodology teachers' workshop
- Marking Guideline discussion workshop

#### **Physical Sciences**

#### Learner interventions

- Differentiated Autumn and Winter Camps for high flyers, average and below average performing learners
- Autumn and Winter Camps for Girl Learners
- Live TV broadcasts of lessons on all topics
- Radio broadcasts on all topics for grades 10-12
- ICT integrated lessons including Internet Broadcast Project (IBP) lessons, IBP catalogue, you-tube lesson channel, hard drives with lessons
- Virtual/ Online Lessons – Provincially organised.
- Self Study Guides – Developed by DBE and distributed as Soft Copies to ALL Provinces
- Examination Preparation and Tips
- Siyavula Online Platform

#### Teacher interventions

- Start Up/ Information Sharing Workshops/ Meetings – First Workshops/Meetings done by ALL provinces.

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- ICT integration, cloud platforms and websites for sharing of information and resources
- Content Workshop – Focusing on selected topics
- Workshops on practical work
- Marking Guideline discussions face-to-face and using IBP

#### **ICT**

The internet connectivity to schools has reached 74% which makes available to learners and teachers, pedagogic content and digital support materials which are aimed specifically at improving learning outcomes.