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2775. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What is the total number of students who have dropped out in (a) single medium, (b) double medium, (c) parallel medium schools and (d) schools that educate in more than two languages in each province in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools?

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Response

It is unfortunately not possible, given current data limitations, to provide estimates of dropout at that level of disaggregation. For certain definitions of dropout, the Department relies on STATS SA Household Survey data, but these datasets do not contain information on school language policies. The Department also analyses LURITS data on enrolments to understand dropout trends, but given data limitations such analyses are typically not possible for individual schools or certain sub-groups of schools. A recent analysis of dropout, using available data, is attached for context.