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**392. Mr B S Yabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department intends to integrate a national first aid and primary healthcare policy into schools as a matter of urgency; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### **Response**

The Department of Basic Education addresses issues of primary health care provision in schools by jointly implementing the Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP) with the Departments of Health and Social Development.

The ISHP programme offers a comprehensive and integrated package of services, including sexual and reproductive health services for older learners.

The Health Services Package for the ISHP includes a large component of health education for each of the four school phases (such as how to lead a healthy lifestyle and drug and substance abuse awareness), health screening (such as screening for vision, hearing, oral health and TB), and onsite services (such as deworming and immunisation).

The ISHP services contribute to the health and well-being of learners by screening them for health barriers to learning.