

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION 1139**

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**Mr D C Smiles (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) How many educators were employed in each province in each of the three most recent financial years for which information is available;
- (2) how many days in total were taken by educators as (a) ordinary leave, (b) special leave and (c) sick leave in each of the three most recent financial years for which information is available?  
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**REPLY:**

- (1) The number of educators employed in each province in each of the three most recent financial years for which information is available

| <b>Province</b> | <b>2006/07</b> | <b>2007/08</b> | <b>2008/09</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| EC              | 65 314         | 62 167         | 64 565         |
| FS              | 23 275         | 22 734         | 23 295         |
| GP              | 46 370         | 49 916         | 50 715         |
| KZN             | 81 548         | 84 100         | 84 977         |
| LP              | 55 128         | 56 546         | 56 432         |
| MP              | 30 922         | 31 485         | 32 087         |
| NW              | 31 346         | 26 117         | 25 428         |
| NC              | 6 562          | 8 193          | 8 428          |
| WC              | 28 654         | 24 895         | 25 522         |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>369119</b>  | <b>366 153</b> | <b>371 449</b> |

Source: PERSAL

- (2) The number days in total taken by educators as (a) ordinary leave, (b) special leave and (c) sick leave for which information is available at the time of this response is for 2008/09 financial year

| <b>Category Description</b>     | <b>TOTAL</b>   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Sick-full pay (workdays)        | 79 848         |
| Special (work days)             | 83 16          |
| Vacation - full pay (work days) | 131 83         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>101 347</b> |

Source: PERSAL