

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

25. Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) What percentage of matric learners in the (a) African, (b) coloured, (c) Indian and (d) white population groups were enrolled for (i) Mathematics and (ii) Physical Sciences in the (aa) 2023, (bb) 2024 and (cc) 2025 academic years;
- (2) how many learners from each of the population groups in (1) above passed (a) Mathematics and (b) Physical Sciences in the (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024 academic years?

Answer

25. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) Please see below the demographic breakdown of Mathematics candidates. Note that the 2025 figures are still subject to verification.

Enrolment % (Public Ordinary Schools)	2023	2024	2025 (not verified)
Mathematics			
African	41.2%	41.8%	43.0%
Coloured	33.6%	32.8%	32.3%
Indian	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%
White	22.8%	22.8%	22.1%
Unknown	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%
Physical Sciences			
African	45.1%	46.8%	47.9%
Coloured	29.3%	29.0%	28.2%
Indian	2.1%	1.8%	1.6%
White	22.9%	21.5%	21.2%
Unknown	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%

- (2) National Senior Certificate exams:

Public Ordinary Schools	2023		2024	
Mathematics	Wrote	Passed	Wrote	Passed

African	5 903	3 745	5 793	3 999
Coloured	4 840	3 299	4 552	3 206
Indian	247	228	234	207
White	3 296	3 214	3 172	3090
Unknown	102	80	125	100
Physical Sciences	Wrote	Passed	Wrote	Passed
African	4 209	3 077	4 363	3 127
Coloured	2 748	2 091	2 715	1 987
Indian	193	182	166	150
White	2149	2 089	2 018	1 948
Unknown	65	55	80	66

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

DATE: 7 MARCH 2025