

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

14. Ms A P Bans to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) Whether his Department has statistics on the number of unregistered early childhood development (ECD) centres in the province; if so, what is the breakdown per municipality;
- (2) what is the total number of registered but unfunded ECD centres per municipality;
- (3) whether his Department has statistics of the number of children who are not enrolled in any ECD centre in the province; if so, what is the breakdown per municipality?

Answer:

14. My department has informed me of the following:

Western Cape Education Department (WCED) data on ECD facilities is available by region (as previously in the Department of Social Development) and not by municipality.

(1)

Region	Number of unregistered ECD facilities on eCares DBE dashboard
West Coast	204
Metro North	311
Metro South	443
Metro East	559
Eden Karoo	144
Cape Winelands and Overberg	337
Total	1 998

(2)

Region	No of registered but unfunded ECD facilities:
West Coast	63
Metro North	11
Metro South	170
Metro East	59
Eden Karoo	50
Cape Winelands and Overberg	58
Total	411

(3) The WCED does not currently hold data on the number of children not enrolled in any ECD centre.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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