

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

18 Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) How many schools in the province were affected by vandalism during the term 1 holiday period of 2026 and (b) what was the total estimated cost of the damage incurred during this period;
- (2) whether his Department has recorded a reduction or increase in incidents compared to the same holiday period in 2025; if so, what percentage reduction or increase was recorded;
- (3) how many cases relating to school vandalism and burglary were opened with the South African Police Service during this period;
- (4) (a) what types of infrastructure were most commonly vandalised or stolen, (b) which municipalities (metropolitan or district) recorded the highest number of incidents and (c) which three geographic areas were most affected?

Answer:

18. My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) (a) During the past holiday period, 25 schools reported a total of 28 burglary and vandalism incidents.

(b) The estimated cost of damage as reported to the Safe Schools Call Centre is R392 490.00.
- (2) Compared to the same holiday period in 2025, 2 additional incidents were reported.
- (3) 20 SAPS case numbers were provided. Some schools were unable to provide case numbers at the time the incidents were reported.
- (4) (a) Items stolen and or damaged include:

Lights, electrical cables, doors and locks damaged, copper plumbing, taps, urinals, basins, ceilings, cameras, safety gates, cables of motorised gates, stationary and books, computers, roof plates, tuck shop items, gas tanks, fire hydrant fittings, Wi-Fi routers and cables, electrical plugs, air conditioner cables, water pump with controller box, projectors, computers, speakers and amplifiers.

(b)

DISTRICT	INCIDENTS
Cape Winelands	1
Eden & Central Karoo	9
Metropole Central	4
Metropole East	2
Metropole North	2
Metropole South	8
Overberg	0
West Coast	2
Total	28

(c) The incidents were widely distributed, and as a result, no specific suburb hotspots can be identified

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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