

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

What is (a) the current number of unplaced learners in the province for the 2026 school year, (b) the breakdown per district and (c) his department doing to ensure learners who were unplaced or who were placed late catch up with the syllabus?

Answer:

9. My department has informed me of the following:

(a) 2026 placement in progress as at 30 March 2026: 4

(b) Learners in Grade R, 1 or 8:

| Education District | GRR | GR1 | GR8 | Total |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Eden and Central Karoo | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Metro North | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Metro South | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Total | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

(c) Once learners are placed, schools are supported to implement catch-up academic interventions, including lesson packs and structured recovery plans, to address learning gaps resulting from delayed placement and to support curriculum progression.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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