

# WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

## **33. Mr P Johnson to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

(a)(i) How many public schools in the province currently have security guards paid for by his Department and (ii) what is the total cost per month for having security guards at schools across the province, (b) how much has his Department spent on school safety and security during (i) 2024/25, (ii) 2025/26 and (iii) 2026/27 to date and (c) how many schools per district have security guards paid for by his Department?

Answer:

33. My department has informed me of the following:

- (a) (i) The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) does not appoint permanent security guards at public schools. In line with the WCED Safe Schools strategy, responsibility for day-to-day security measures rests with School Governing Bodies (SGB) within the framework of departmental guidelines. However, the WCED provides targeted support through the allocation of additional resources to enhance school safety where risk levels warrant intervention. This includes:

*Holiday security subsidies:*

Funding is allocated to schools identified through district risk assessments as high-risk, enabling the provision of security services during school holidays. These services may include 12-hour or 24-hour guarding, as well as cluster patrols for groups of schools in vulnerable areas.

*Emergency security deployment:*

The WCED may implement short-term, emergency security interventions at specific schools to stabilise the environment in response to incidents such as threats to safety, burglaries or vandalism. These measures are aimed at protecting life and property and preventing further loss or disruption to schooling.

All interventions are risk-based and aligned with WCED Safe Schools protocols to ensure appropriate, equitable and responsive allocation of resources across the province.

- (ii) R11 996 670.38 has been allocated for holiday security for the 2026/27 financial year.
- (b)
- (i) 2024/25: R57 305 000
  - (ii) 2025/26: R70 262 000
  - (II) 2026/27 to date: R4 050 341.49 (total allocated budget for the 2026/27 financial year is R72 682 000)
- (c) Noting the explanation above, subsidies for holiday security were allocated to 443 schools during the March/April 2026 school holiday period. The breakdown per district is reflected below:

District	Number of schools
Metro Central Education District	111
Metro East Education District	93
Metro North Education District	52
Metro South Education District	64
Overberg Education District	20
Cape Winelands Education District	50
Eden & Central Karoo Education District	33
West Coast Education District	20

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
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