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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

- (a) How many schools in the province have temporary principals (b) how many of these temporary principals are at (i) disadvantaged and (ii) Model C and (c) why are these posts not filled permanently?

Reply:

7. My department has informed me of the following:

- (a) There are 25 caretaker/curator principals.
- (b) The WCED does not categorise schools in terms of being "disadvantaged" or "former Model C".

In terms of public schools per quintile and special schools, the figures are as follows:

Special Schools	2
NQ1	3
NQ2	4
NQ3	2
NQ4	8
NQ5	6

- (c) Timelines for the filling of principal posts vary as it is dependent on the finalisation of the process by the School Governing Body (SGB), after which, the Western Cape Education Department's Head Office requires 30 days for quality assurance, vetting and ratifying of the nomination for appointment.

There can be delays in this process. This is partly due to challenges regarding the SGB constitution and/or functionality or missing documentation that is required for the quality assurance, vetting and ratification process.

The WCED is addressing these issues on a case-by-case basis. The training of SGBs in 2024 included a specific focus on the recruitment and selection process and what is required.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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