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KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature
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Dear Madam

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 97/2022

This correspondence serves to report to the KZN Provincial Legislature in respect to Parliamentary Question No. **97/2022**

Ms. T P Mthethwa (IFP) to ask the MEC for Education:

In his response to my question dated 14/02/22 he said that all 866 teacher vacant posts will be filled by 28 February 2022.

- 1. Have all the 866 teacher vacant posts been filled; [Please provide a total breakdown of those posts that have been filled together with the subjects and a name/s of the school/s and the place where it is situated]**

The Department has complied with its commitment of filling 866 posts. In fact, the Department has appointment 964 educators to posts.

Refer to attached **Annexure A**, for the list of appointments.

- 2. Where are the whereabouts of four boats worth more than R2 million which were bought by the KZN Department of Education in 2017 to provide safe transport for pupils who cross rivers to and from school;**

The four boats were purchased by the Department of Transport. These boats were collected from a storage facility in Port Elizabeth by the Department of Transport and are currently being stored at the Sharks Board in Durban.

- 3. Are the four boats worth more than R2 million which were bought by the KZN Department of Education in 2017 to provide safe transport for pupils who cross rivers to and from school still operational;**

As there was no feasibility study conducted before the purchasing of these boats, which would have involved; establishing the suitability of the engine-propelled boats for usage in the identified rivers, the budget required for staff employment, operation and the



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maintenance for the boats, the Department of Education concluded that the boats could not be utilized by the Department for the transportation of learners.

It was for that reason that the former Head of Department instituted an independent investigation to the circumstances that led to the procurement of these boats.

4. If yes, what are the relevant details;

Refer to the answer to question number 3.

5. If not, why not;

Refer to the answer to question number 3.

6. How many school/s that are not fenced in KwaZulu-Natal; [Please provide a total breakdown of school/s per District/s, a name of each school/s and the area/s where it is situated; and

There are 1464 schools that need fencing, 292 of these schools have existing fence that needs upgrading, 1048 schools need the fence to be replaced due to damage and 124 schools need new fence. The table below illustrates the number of schools per district:

DISTRICT	NO. OF SCHOOLS
Amajuba	55
Harry Gwala	50
iLembe	155
King Cetshwayo	117
Pinetown	50
uGu	44
Umgungundlovu	158
Umkhanyakude	110
Umlazi	45
uMzinyathi	48
uThukela	165
Zululand	467
GRAND TOTAL	1464

A list of these schools is attached as **Annexure B**.

7. How many teachers/s that have been dismissed from work due to racism, sexual harassment, financial misconduct and corporal punishment in the past seven years; [Please provide a total breakdown of teachers per category, the name of a school they worked, a name/s, surname/s of each teacher/s and the position/s they occupy].

The list below indicates the number of misconduct cases against educators:

NO.	NATURE OF MISCONDUCT CASES	NO. OF EDUCATORS DISMISSED
1	Financial Misconducts	6



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2	Corporal Punishment	5
3	Sexual Misconduct	11
4	Racism	1

A breakdown of each nature of misconduct case is attached as **Annexure C**.

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