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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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406. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) (a) What is the total budget allocated to each provincial education department for the 2020-21 financial year and (b) will the specified budget allocations be conditional;
- (2) whether the spending of the allocated budgets will be monitored; if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Table 1 is displaying the total budget allocated to each provincial education department for the 2020-21 financial year:

Table 1 Provincial education budgets for 2020/21

R million	2020/21
Provincial education budgets	
Eastern Cape	37 769
Free State	15 964
Gauteng	53 593
KwaZulu-Natal	57 247
Limpopo	33 894
Mpumalanga	23 498
Northern Cape	7 222
North West	18 380
Western Cape	25 050
Total provincial education budgets	272 615

- (1)(b) Part of the total budget allocated to each provincial education department, includes specific purpose allocations (conditional grants) which must be met. These conditions are stipulated in the annual Division of Revenue Bill/Act.

Table 2 Education conditional grants to provinces

	2020/21
R million	
Education conditional grants	
Education infrastructure	11 008
HIV and AIDS (Life Skills Education)	247
Learners with profound intellectual disabilities	243
Maths, science and technology	401
National school nutrition programme	7 666
Total education conditional grants	19 564

- (2) The reporting requirements specified in sections 32 and 40(4) of the PFMA, and also in the annual Division of Revenue Act (DoRA), requires that expenditure and revenue information for all programmes, including conditional grants, be provided each month to the Provincial Treasuries and the National Treasury for monitoring and evaluation purposes. This information is also used by Parliament and the Provincial Legislatures for monitoring purposes. Failure to provide this information is not only illegal and grounds for the sanctions under the Act to take effect, but also reflects poor management.