

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

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With the increase in the number of students aligned with "disabilities or Special Needs" particularly in public primary schools and those seeking support there is a distinct shortfall in available funds. Local School Educational Areas (SEA's) have more applications going to their local office from schools with the expectation that they will gain funding for needy students. Often funding is not approved or it is insufficient to adequately support the needs of the school and student(s). It needs to be recognised that applications will continue to grow and funding must be found. You need to find out the level of request and see how much is being rejected/reduced. If further funding is found it will deliver benefits to not only the individual needy students but to mainstream students who share the classrooms and their teachers.