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**2494. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Which infrastructure grant is used to fund the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI);

(2) whether her department is responsible for the implementation of ASIDI infrastructure projects; if not, why not; if so, what role does a provincial education department play in the implementation? NW2751E

**Response:**

1. The Schools Infrastructure Backlog Grant (SIBG) funds the ASIDI portfolio.
2. The DBE is responsible for the implementation of ASIDI projects. In the implementation of these projects, the DBE has commissioned Implementing Agents such as Development Bank of Southern Africa, Independent Development Trust, Coega Development Cooperation to implement the projects on behalf of the Department. Other Provincial Education Departments like the Free State and the Western Cape, also implement on behalf of the DBE. In the planning and implementation of the projects, provinces work with the DBE in identifying schools/ projects, monitoring the implementation, liasing with communities and schools and on completion of the projects, the completed schools are handed back to the respective provinces, who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the completed assets.