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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1016**

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**1016. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to her reply to question 290 on 16 March 2017, what is the reason for the discrepancy in the total number of schools that were built countrywide, as the reply lists a total of 708 schools while the State of the Nation Address delivered by the President, Mr J G Zuma, on 9 February 2017 lists 895? NW1144E

**REPLY**:

1. The total number of new and replacement schools delivered by Provincial Departments of Education as at the end of the third quarter of the 2016/17 financial year is 708. The number, however, did not include schools built through the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative, which is implemented by the Department of Basic Education (DBE), which were included in the number referred to in the State of the Nation Address.