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**1179.  Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With social distancing being practised inside the classrooms of schools, what

(a) plans does her department have in place and/or has directed to provinces to accommodate the remaining learners from other grades who will be phased back into attending school and

(b) are the alternatives to dealing with the increased need for more classrooms and/or teaching spaces?

**Response**

(a) (b) In order to address social distancing protocols during the phasing in and full opening of school, provinces are providing mobile classrooms for additional spaces as well  identifying additional spaces inside the school campuses and or around the school  to address any additional needs for space. Provinces are also considering non-infrastructure solutions, which include 3 schooling models to cater for social distancing, These are:

* Platoon / shift arrangements
* Alternate days;
* Alternate weeks