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**QUESTION 130**

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

With reference to her reply to question 3684 on 1 December 2017, has she received the requested information? NW137E

**Response:**

Yes, the information was received. Please find attached NA 3684. See responses below:

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**QUESTION 3684**

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**3684. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 2965 on 25 October 2017, what was the reason for the reprioritisation that saw the Eastern Cape school transport budget decreased by R36 million? NW4115E

**Response**

The insourcing of the Scholar Transport project within the Eastern Cape Department of Transport required operational budget to establish a Scholar Transport Unit. The R36m in question was reprioritised to fund operations of the newly established unit and was allocated funding as follows:

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| **ITEM** | **BUDGET (‘000)** |
| TOTAL ALLOCATED BUDGET | R 462 000 |
| Transport of Scholars | R 435 000 |
| Operational Budget | R 27 000 |

It should be indicated, that an additional R25m was provided to the Scholar Transport Programme in the 2017/18 adjustment budget, bringing the total adjusted budget to R460m for the financial year.

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**QUESTION 2965**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 06/10/2017**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 34/2017**

**2965. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to her department’s presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 23 May 2017, in which the scholar transport budget for the Eastern Cape Department of Transport was listed as R498 million, what is the reason for the discrepancy between the specified amount and the amount allegedly stated as the current budget by the provincial Department of Transport (details furnished)? NW3284E

**Response**

The allocated budget for 2017/18 for the Eastern Cape was initially R498 000 000.00. However, due to reprioritisation the amount was revised to R462 000 000.00. The figure of R10 Million stated in the Daily Dispatch Newspaper of 22 May 2017 is incorrect.