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**1305. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 1582 on 21 June 2016, (a) how many of the 76 school classrooms damaged during the May 2016 protest action in Vuwani in the Vhembe District of Limpopo have been repaired to date, (b) what are the reasons for the delay in respect of classrooms that have not yet been repaired and (c) what safety measures have been put in place to prevent the burning of schools in the area in the future? NW1447E

**RESPONSE:**

1. None of the classrooms have currently been repaired. 10 Schools have been identified for repairs in the 2017/18 financial year.
2. R177 million was made available during November-December 2016. This has been utilised to fund 10 Vuwani/ Malamulela protest damaged schools, and contractors have been appointed. However, due to the intermittent unrest that have been going on in the area, no progress has been registered. The service provider will proceed with the work as soon as the situation is back to normal.
3. Currently security officials have been deployed to the schools affected and fencing has been included into the scope of work that is to be done at the schools.