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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 132 [NO.** **NW136E]**

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**DATE OF REPLY: 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

**132. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) (a) At what stage is the construction of the (i) Tlotlang-Thuto Secondary School and (ii) Loretlweng Primary School in the North West province, (b) what number of learners will be accommodated at each school on completion;

(2) whether each of the specified school projects has been referred to the Special Investigations Unit for investigation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the proclamation number;

(3) what (a) are the reasons for the cessation of work on the school projects and (b) is the anticipated time frame for the finalisation of the projects;

(4) what (a) was the original budget for each school and (b) amount has been spent to date on each school? **NW136E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. I have been informed by the Administrator that the various stages of construction are as follows:

a. (i) Tlotlang Thuto Secondary School – 98%

a. (ii) Loretlweng Primary School – 25%

b.

(i) Tlotlang Thuto Secondary School – 400 Learners

(ii) Loretlweng Primary School – 930 Learners

Both schools were handed over to Special Investigating Unit by the Minister on instruction, dated 24/07/2020.

* 1. Poor quality of work, Poor workmanship, Inherent structural instability of the proprietary system utilised by the contractor / proprietor of the building system.
  2. The Department has taken the decision not to proceed with the project due to structural challenges identified with the construction method being declared unsafe by specialists who advised the complete demolition of the existing structures. Both construction contracts have been terminated.

(a) Tlotlang-Thuto Secondary School –

* + 1. R 41 356 312.38 (Contractor only)

R 51 819 451.67 (Contractor & Consultants excluding disbursements)

* + 1. Loretlweng Primary School – R 46 886 401.08 (Contractor only)

R 56 787 571.00 (Contractor & Consultants excluding disbursements)

* + 1. Tlotlang Thuto Secondary School – R35 777 620.05
    2. Loretlweng Primary School – R15 182 979.82