**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1844**

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**1844. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to government schools in each province, how many are (a) currently operational, (b) mud schools and (c) built with informal structures;

(2) how many (a) schools will be closed in the 2017-18 financial year and (b) of these schools are mud schools in each province;

(3) how many of the (a) mud schools and/or (b) schools built with informal structures will be refurbished in each province to meet the standards and norms for school infrastructure in the 2017-18 financial year? NW2054E

**RESPONSE:**

(1)(a)

Table 1 below indicates that, in 2016, there were 23 718 public schools that are operational. Majority of these schools are situated in KwaZulu-Natal (5 895) followed by the Eastern Cape with 5 468 schools.

**Table 1: Number of operational public schools, by province, in 2016**

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| **Province** | **Number of schools** |
| EC | 5 468 |
| FS | 1 214 |
| GP | 2 083 |
| KZ | 5 895 |
| LP | 3 867 |
| MP | 1 725 |
| NC | 544 |
| NW | 1 472 |
| WC | 1 450 |
| **Grand Total** | **23 718** |

*Source: 2016 Master list*

1 (b)(c)The Department has forwarded the question to the Provincial Education Department and is awaiting the response. The response will be forwarded as soon as the Department receives it.

2(a) (b)

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3 (a)(b) The information has been requested from all the Provincial Education Departments and will be provided as soon as it received.