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**2018.  Mrs S M Mokgotho (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Noting the long distance which learners have to travel daily from their villages to get to school, what are the reasons that payment intended for scholar transport for learners from Moubana, Manamela and Rakoko high schools in Moses Kotane, North West, was stopped?

**Response**

Information received from the North West Provincial Department of Transport and Roads (NWDoTR) through the North West Department of Education (NWDoE), indicates that the province experienced the budget depletion for the financial year 2021/2022 during the said period of interrupted service.  Therefore, the NWDoTR was unable to pay learner transport operators for the months of January, February and March 2022.

When the budget for the new financial year 2022/2023 was loaded, all outstanding payments were processed. Therefore, at this moment there is no stopped or intention to stop payment intended for learners of Rakoko High School.