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**2218. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to the non-delivery of the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) meals to some schools in KwaZulu-Natal at the start of the third school term, (a) how many schools did not receive meals, (b) how many children were affected, (c) what was the reason for the non-delivery at each affected school and (d) what action has her national department taken to ensure that the situation is rectified by the provincial education department? NW2450E

**RESPONSE:**

(a) Four (4) schools did not receive meals.

(b) 3108 Learners were affected.

(c) The reason for non-feeding was the delays in the finalisation of the NSNP BID process. The PED also delayed to issue appointment letters to the contracted service providers resulting in non-delivery of food items to schools.

(d) Officials from the Department of Basic Education visited a sample of schools in five districts viz: Umlazi, Ugu, Umgugundlovu, UMkhanyakude, Ilembe to assess the status of feeding and support NSNP implementation. A meeting was also held with senior management at the Provincial office to discuss a contingency plan to resume feeding in affected schools.