**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2226**

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**2226. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 880 on 4 May 2017, she has received the requested information from the provincial education departments? NW2458E

**RESPONSE:**

The Department has forwarded the question to the Provincial Education Departments and responses were received from eight PEDs. The Eastern Cape Department of Education’s response in this regard is still outstanding. A follow-up letter was sent to the ECDoE on 24 July 2017. The table below contains a summary of responses.

| ***Province*** | ***No. schools to be closed/ merged (a) (i) and (ii)*** | ***Name of school (b)*** | ***Reason for closure (c )*** | ***Host schools (d)*** | ***Timelines (e)*** | ***Transport arrangement (f)*** | ***Additional resources required (g)*** | ***Consultation (2)*** |
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| EC | NO RESPONSE | | | | | | | |
| FS | 90 | Annexure A | non-viable | Annexure A | between June and December 2017 | not required | none | Consultation Meetings took place at some of these schools however, where the residents have already left the farms, it was difficult to conduct them and a declaration form has been completed to that effect by the relevant Circuit Manager. |
| GP | 14 | Annexure A | Small and non-viable | Annexure A |  | Provided where necessary | resources follow learners | Annexure F |
| KZN | 865 | Annexure A | small and non-viable | Annexure A | Annexure C | Not indicated | Not indicated | Not indicated |
| LP | 476 | Annexure A | small and non-viable | Annexure A |  | provision for 42 out of 68 schools have been made | 142 mobile classrooms are required | All schools were consulted accordingly. They furthermore received MEC’s letters for merging. The notice was advertised in the local newspapers. MEC’s also consulted all relevant stakeholders in their respective Districts. There was also a media briefing to that effect. See also Annexure G |
| MP | 8 | Annexure A | Small and non-viable  Schools on private property with unsafe buildings  Save on rentals  See Annexure B | boarding school | 2017/18 financial year | Not indicated | resources follow learners | The process of consultation for the closure of the schools has not commenced. It will commence as the building of the boarding school commences |
| NC | 8 | Annexure A | low learner enrolment and realignment of middle schools | Annexure A | March 2017 to September 2018  Annexure C | Annexure D | Annexure E | District management teams already started with initial consultations in all instances, and public hearings will commence in the next quarter with provision being made for written comments as well |
| NW | 24 | Annexure A | small schools | Annexure A | 2017/2018 financial year  Annexure C | Annexure D | resources follow learners | Thorough consultation with affected and relevant stakeholders is done for the smooth running of the process |
| WC | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |