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**241. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       With reference to the Sanitary Appropriate for Education (SAFE) initiative launched by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on 14 August 2018, what (a) total number of schools were earmarked in each province, (b) budget was allocated to each province for the (i) 2018-19 and (ii) 2019-20 financial years, (c) is the total donations received from the (i) private sector, (ii) National Treasury and (iii) fundraising events and (d) which schools benefitted from the budget allocations;

(2)       whether all the (a) projects were finalised and (b) budgets allocated were spent; if not, why not; if so, what is the name of each contractor of each project?

**Response**

a) The number of schools earmarked for each province are as follows:

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|   | SAFEand EIG | ASIDI |
| EC | 1598 | 61 |
| FS | 156 |   |
| KZN | 1365 | 11 |
| LIM | 507 | 97 |
| NW | 145 |   |
| MPU | 127 |   |

b.    The allocation was not made to provinces but to the programme.

* 2018/19: No allocation at all.
* 2019/20: An allocation of R700 million was made available.

c.    Donations

* No donated funds have been managed by the Department of Basic Education (DBE). The donors are allocated schools, given guidance on the Sector Norms and Standards of Infrastructure provisioning as well as a standard designs. The Site Development Plans (SDPs) are then approved by the Department following which the donor can construct the facility before finally handing over the finished product to the DBE / Provincial Education Department (PED).
* An allocation of R2.8 billion has been made for the SAFE Initiative over the MTEF, as follows: 2019/20 : R700 000 000, 2020/21 : R800 000 000 & 2021/22 : R1 300 000 000.
* No independently raised funds have been managed by the DBE.

d.    45 schools have been provided with appropriate sanitation through donations. As for the allocation of R700 million, it is planned that 606 schools will be provided with appropriate sanitation. These projects are all at tender stage. The concurrence approval,  to evaluate the procurement process to see whether it is compliant in terms of the PPPFA 2017, Section 38 (a), (i) and (iii) of the PFMA, is in progress. On completion of the evaluation, the contractors will be appointed.