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**QUESTION 2445  
  
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2445. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**  
  
(1) With reference to the purchase of school furniture for 845 schools in the Eastern Cape in the 2014-1 *5* financial year, (a) which schools benefitted from this purchase, (b) did all 845 schools receive the school furniture, (c) how many desks were delivered to each school and (d) what is the number of furniture delivered to (i) primary schools and (ii) secondary schools;  
  
(2) does her department intend to provide the other schools in the Eastern Cape with desks where there is a shortage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2812E

**Response**

(1) (a) See annexure A  
(b) The 845 schools are the schools which will **be** provided with furniture in the 2015 /16 financial year. Deliveries to these schools will commence in July 2015.  
  
(c) As indicated above, deliveries to these schools will commence when the schools reopen in July 2015.  
  
(d) 138 201 desks are to be delivered (i) 75 330 are primary school desks, (ii) 62 871 are secondary schools desks.  
  
(2) The deliveries to the Eastern Cape by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) are a special intervention by the Department and future interventions will only be considered as and when the need arises and based on the funding resources available to the Department of Basic Education for such an intervention.