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### **Question from: E. K Siwela (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education**

**Q:** In view of the fact that several schools (names furnished) were ravaged by storms in January 2021, and that to date no repairs have been done in the specified schools and both learners and teachers are confronted daily with the reality of dilapidated schools, (a) by what date(s) does she envisage her department will ensure the schools are repaired and (b) what are the reasons that it has taken her department so long to repair the schools and restore the dignity of the learners and teachers?

### **Response**

The department had 63 storm-affected schools by the beginning of the 2021/22 Financial year with the following progress made:

- ✚ 14/63 contractors are already appointed by the Implementing agent DPWRT for implementation.
- ✚ Through the Provincial Executive approval, the Department has been approved with the following strategy put in place to roll out and implement the portfolio:
  - ❑ Tender for term contractors to address emergency and minor maintenance is already in the tender bulletin and the closing date is the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with the anticipation that appointment will be completed by end February 2022.
  - ❑ The Department is also currently looking at appointing the Schedule Organs of State as an immediate measure to address the backlogs by the end of the FY.