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**QUESTION 2699**

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**2699. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) With reference to her reply to question 998 on 21 June 2016, (a) how many of the specified tablets that were purchased for the paperless classroom project in Gauteng have been (i) lost and (ii) stolen since 21 June 2016, (b) what is the total value of the tablets that were (i) lost and (ii) stolen, (c) what action was taken in this regard and (d) what steps have been put in place to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future in each case;

(2) whether the tablets that were (a) lost or (b) stolen will be replaced; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what will it cost to replace the tablets and (ii) what are the further relevant details? NW3190E

**Response:**

1. **and (2)** On 02 December 2016 the Department of Basic Education (DBE) requested the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) to provide a response. The DBE will provide the necessary response once the information is made available by the GDE.