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**2794. Mr L S Tlhaole (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 812 on 11 April 2017, (a) has her department received the necessary information from the Northern Cape Provincial Education Department and (b) what was the response of the specified department? NW3101E

**RESPONSE:**

The closure of schools in the Northern Cape’s John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) municipality during the 2013/14 financial year, was as a result of community protests for the construction of a tarred road, whereby children were barred from going to school and the school infrastructure was destroyed in the process.

The Northern Cape Provincial Education Department has since strengthened the community and stakeholder liaison structures by establishing the District Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign (QLTC) Structure, whose primary mandate is to focus on the following, amongst other things:

1. inform citizens about the importance of education, their roles, responsibilities and obligations towards education;
2. be the catalyst for positive change, quality improvement and transformation; and
3. to provide a platform for communities and broader society to actively and constructively become involved in the improvement of teaching and learning.

Furthermore, the Province has appointed a dedicated official at a Provincial level to coordinate QLTC across all five (5) Districts in the province.