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**2891.  Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       Noting that her department was informed that Hantam High School was declared unsafe by the Labour Department in October 2021 and that the specified school building was also found to be high-risk by the engineering company that conducted assessments on it, what are the reasons that her department allows schooling to continue in the building;

(2)       (a) who was ultimately responsible for allowing schooling to continue at Hantam High School, since the Member of the Executive Council for Education in the Northern Cape, Mr Zolile Monakali, admitted to only learning of the high-risk school building on 20 July 2022 and (b) will any action be taken against the responsible official?

**Response**

The question asked has direct implication to the work of the Member of Executive Council (MEC) of the Northern Cape Department of Education, not the Minister of Basic Education and therefore the Hon Member is advised to submit the question to the MEC for education in the Northern Cape province.