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**QUESTION 2965**

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**2965. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to her department’s presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 23 May 2017, in which the scholar transport budget for the Eastern Cape Department of Transport was listed as R498 million, what is the reason for the discrepancy between the specified amount and the amount allegedly stated as the current budget by the provincial Department of Transport (details furnished)? NW3284E

**Response**

The allocated budget for 2017/18 for the Eastern Cape Department of Transport was initially R498 000 000.00. However, due to reprioritisation the amount was revised to R462 000 000.00. The figure of R10 Million stated in the Daily Dispatch Newspaper of 22 May 2017 is incorrect.