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WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 314

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

(1) With reference to the building of Selowe Primary School in Blouberg, Limpopo, (a) why is this building project not completed, (b) who was the contractor, (c) what amounts have been paid to the contractor and (d) what action has been taken to finish this building project;

(2) whether any legal processes are pending against the contractor; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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**RESPONSE**1. (a) According to information received from the province, the contractor who was appointed in May 2013 and had been progressing slowly eventually abandoned the site and all the works stopped in June 2014. He was behind on the project and was facing penalties according to the Joint Buildina Contracts Committee contract (JBCC). The implementing agent (IDT) terminated the contractor after the site was abandoned at the roof level in July 2014. The implementing agent then re-advertised the project and has replaced this contractor.

(b) The initial contractor was Shota Engineering cc.

(c) The initial contractor (Shota Engineering cc) was paid R 2,151,727.42.

(d) The contract was terminated and the implementing agent then re-advertised the project and has replaced this contractor.