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**QUESTION 340**

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**340. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, with reference to the Ikhwezi Lokusa Special School in Mthatha she has been informed of the (a) general state of disrepair at the school, (b) alleged gross maladministration by the principal, (c) theft of wheelchairs and other material needed by the disabled learners, (d) alleged abuse of staff and (e) the inhumane conditions in which disabled learners are kept; if not, what steps will she take to investigate and take action; if so, what has her department done in this regard? NW364E

**Response**

1. The National Department of Basic Education has not been informed of the general state of disrepair at the Ikhwezi Lokusa Special School in Mthatha. The matter has since been referred to the Eastern Cape Department of Education for investigation and the response will be provided as soon as it is received from the province.