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**3544. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Why are learners in Nhombelani Village under Chief Mulamula in Malamulele West Circuit in Limpopo still attending classes under a tree? NW4208E

**Response**

1. Information received from the Limpopo Department of Education is that the name of the School is Rhabela Secondary School in Malamulele West Circuit. The school was damaged by a storm in October 2010, and it was subjected to arson on 26 August 2015, The following damages were experienced:
2. 1x4 classroom blocks:
3. 1x2 classroom block; and
4. 1x1 Classroom.
5. The reason for learners attending classrooms under a tree is because of the damaged blocks of classrooms and, as a result, when learners break into streams, there is a shortage of classrooms for three subjects.
6. As part of the intervention, the Limpopo Department of Education, through the Independent Development Trust, has already advertised a tender for the replacement of the damaged classrooms which closed on 16 October 2015. It is anticipated that the damaged classrooms will be operational once again in January 2016.