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**592.  Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       With regard to the degrading state of toilets, taps running dry, lack of scholar transport, dilapidated classrooms and lack of food for learners in rural areas which was reported by teacher unions in KwaZulu-Natal who conducted oversight visits as thousands of learners returned to schools, how is her department addressing the persisting deplorable state of affairs in schools;

(2)       whether any schools have been refurbished during the period that learners and teachers were at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic; if not, why not; if so, (a) what total number of schools and (b) in which areas?

**Response**

The question has been referred to the Kwa Zulu Natal Department of Education and a response will be submitted as soon as it is received.