**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 645**

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**645. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What (a) is the current status of the upgrades to the Asherville Secondary School in Graaff-Reinet and (b) are the details of the time frames for the completion of the upgrades;

(2) (a) what are the details of all outstanding amounts owed to (i) the main contractor and (ii) each other contractor or professional team and (b) by what date(s) will the outstanding amounts be settled;

(3) what additional expenses has her department incurred in each month since the upgrade works were stopped? NW1515E

**Response**

1. (a) Information received from the Eastern Cape Department of Education indicates that the current status of the upgrades to the Asherville Secondary School are at Stage 7 works and that the contract stalled due to consultants who have abandoned work.

(b) The time-frames are yet to be determined pending budget availability and reappointment of replacement consultants.

1. (a) professional fees and contractor claims;
2. main contractor: R150,223.05, Fencing Contractor: R 83,087.92
3. Architect R1,021,811.26, Engineer R114,968, Quantity Surveyor R45,178.23.

(b) R563, 604.50 has been paid in September 2019 and the rest will be paid by November 2019.

1. The additional expenses are yet to be determined pending consultant analysis.