



**TO : MRS. ANGIE MOTSHEKGA
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**

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SUBJECT: QUESTION POSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NA02

Please find responses to questions posed by the National Assembly, for your consideration:

L Carolissen to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

QUESTION 1:

Until what date will her department house learners temporarily at The Hill High School and the Sir John Adamson High School in Johannesburg?

ANSWER:

As an immediate intervention, the Department has provided the Hill High School with additional ordinary mobile classrooms to cater for the Grade 9 and Grade 10 learners at the school.

The Department has acquired land in Winchester Hills Ext. 3. The land is 3,4 hectares in size and appropriate for building a new school to deal with admission and overcrowding pressures. The project is currently at a feasibility stage, preliminary investigations are being conducted to ascertain design requirements, and only after conclusion of these processes will the Department be in a position to give precise project timelines and costs. However, it should be noted that the Department has handed over the project to the implementing agency (Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development) for it to expedite processes to implement the construction of the school given the extraordinary pressures in the area.

It must be noted that the Johannesburg Central District received 6500 more applications than the previous academic year. Most of these applications were for schools in the Southern parts of Johannesburg (Naturena, Meredale, Alan Manor, Mondeor, Suideroord, Ormonde, Ridgeway, Robertsham, Forest Hill, Turfontein and Haddon areas). The area also experienced an influx of learners from other Districts in Gauteng, as well as relocations from other Provinces. As a result, the District did not

have sufficient space to place all learners in the high schools in the area and alternative placement options were investigated.

The placement of learners at the school was an immediate temporary measure to accommodate unplaced learners in the area. On a long-term basis, it is the intention of the Department to construct additional learning spaces in the area to address placement and overcrowding challenges. This is in addition to the envisaged school indicated in (1) above.

QUESTION 2:

Why was such a temporary arrangement set up?

ANSWER:

Please see (1) above.

QUESTION 3:

Where and by what date will the learners be permanently placed?

ANSWER:

Please see (1) above.

QUESTION 4:

What amount has her department budgeted for the temporary arrangement, over what period and from which budget has the allocation been made and why are learners from another district being accommodated in the Johannesburg South district?

ANSWER:

The Department has a budget for Infrastructure upgrades and additions programme, which includes the provision of mobile classrooms. Two mobile classrooms were provided to the Hill High School from the 2019/20 financial year Infrastructure upgrades and additions programme. The value of the two mobile classrooms is R500 000.00.

Please see (1) above for an explanation on why learners from another district are being accommodated in the Johannesburg South district.

Kind Regards,



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