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**781. Mr D C Ross (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With regard to the presentation by her department to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education on 21 February 2017, titled Oversight and Monitoring: School Readiness 201, what is the reason for the underspending of 2016 infrastructure maintenance budgets by (a) the Eastern Cape, (b) the Free State, (c) Mpumalanga and (d) the North West provincial Departments of Education? NW840E

**RESPONSE**

(a); (b); (c) and (d)

The above mentioned provinces experienced delays in allocation of projects and procurement processes for implementation in the current financial year’s programme. It should, however, be noted that expenditure on maintenance has improved significantly subsequent to the said presentation.