**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 783**

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

(1) What amount was (a) allocated to and (b) spent by each province as part of the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative in the 2015-16 financial year;

(2) whether any funding was (a) withdrawn and/or (b) returned to the National Treasury as a result of underspending in any of the provinces; if so, (i) what amount was returned and/or withdrawn and (ii) what were the reasons for underspending? NW842E

**RESPONSE**

1. (a) The ASIDI Programme was allocated an amount of R 2 046 825 000 for the period ending 31 March 2016 (2015/16).

 (b) The table below indicates expenditure per province:

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| **Province** | **Allocation in 2015/2016 Financial Year** | **Expenditure** |
| Eastern Cape | R 1 084 091 000 | R 1 036 314 282.84 |
| Free State | R 478 416 000 | R 187 121 154.00 |
| Gauteng | R 11 202 000 |   |
| KwaZulu-Natal | R 138 097 000 | R 40 545 596.00 |
| Limpopo | R 104 316 000 | R 18 233 998.00 |
| Mpumalanga | R 128 569 000 | R 47 164 814.00 |
| Northern Cape | R 33 638 000 | R 6 439 905.00 |
| North West | R 68 496 000 | R 15 062 193.00 |
| Eskom (All Provinces) |   | R 24 806 781.00 |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** |   | R 1 375 688 723.84 |
| Add: Operational Expenditure |   | R 246 731 387.91 |
| Programme Support Unit |   | R 107 446 255.23 |
| Operational Expenditure |   | R 33 132 264.97 |
| Furniture & Equipments |   | R 106 152 867.71 |
| **Total**  | **R 2 046 825 000** | **R 1 622 420 111.75** |

1. a & b (i & ii), **R 424 404 888.25 m** wasreturned to the National Treasury as a result of underspending. The underspent amount was returned to the National Revenue. The primary reason for the under expenditure was the mergers and rationalisation programme undertaken by the EC DoE which resulted in the projects allocated to the Implementing Agents on the ASIDI Programme having to be suspended. The process has since been completed and all the affected projects are in the process of implementation.