**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 807**

**807. Mr I M Ollis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

1. With reference to the 2018-19 national budget cuts to basic education, (a) which provinces will see a decrease in their provincial education budget and (b) by what amount in rand will the specified provinces’ budgets be cut in the (i) 2018-19 financial year and (ii) 2018-19 to 2020-21 medium term expenditure framework;
2. Whether the affected provinces will be able to meet its operational costs?
3. Which programmes are affected by the budget cut in each case (details furnished)?

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**REPLY**

1. (a)

The Eastern Cape, Free State and North West Provincial Education Departments have a budget baseline reduction in 2018/19 financial year of R325.2 million, R34.8 million and R81.8 million respectively.

1. (b) (i)

The Eastern Cape = R325.2 million; Free State = R34.8 million and North West = R81.8 million

1. (b) (ii)



\*\*\*The North West information exclude the programme Sports Development as it is not part of the approved Provincial Education Budget and Programme Structure.

The operational activities of the PEDs should be in line with the allocated budget in any given MTEF period. The affected Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) should realign their 2018/19 to 2020/21 financial year operational priorities/ activities in line with the 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) allocated budget and this should also reflects in their 2018/19 Annual Performance Plans (APP).

**Reply**

**EASTERN CAPE**

The programmes that are affected by the budget cut are:

1. Administration: R353 million (2018/19), R337.5 million (2019/20) and R139 million (2020/21);
2. Public Ordinary Schools: R67.5 million (2018/19), R366.7 million (2019/20) and R220.5 million (2020/21);
3. Infrastructure Development: R15.1 million (2018/19), R184.4 million (2019/20) and R118.4 million (2020/21); and
4. Examination and Education Related Services: R18 million (2018/19), R30.3 million (2019/20) and R1.5 million (2020/21).

**FREE STATE**

The programmes that are affected by the budget cut are:

1. Administration: R768 thousands (2018/19) and R18.7 million (2019/20);
2. Public Ordinary Schools: R108.5 million (2018/19) and R61.4 million (2019/20);
3. Early Childhood Development: R12.4 million (2018/19), R41.3 million (2019/20) and R40.5 million (2020/21);
4. Infrastructure Development: R88.7 million (2019/20) and R55.6 million (2020/21); and
5. Examination and Education Related Services: R5.1 million (2019/20) and R14.8 million (2020/21).

**KWAZULU-NATAL**

The programmes that are affected by the budget cut are:

1. Public Ordinary Schools: R272 million (2018/19) and R299.2 million (2019/20); and
2. Infrastructure Development: R18 million (2018/19), R283.4 million (2019/20) and R198.5 million (2020/21).

**MPUMALANGA**

The programmes that are affected by the budget cut are:

1. Public Ordinary Schools: R60.3 million (2018/19) and R86.3 million (2019/20);
2. Infrastructure Development: R550. 5 million (2019/20) and R472. 5 million (2020/21); and
3. Examination and Education Related Services: R83.8 million (2018/19), R95.9 million (2019/20) and R109.7 million (2020/21).

**NORTH WEST**

The programmes that are affected by the budget cut are:

1. Administration: R18.7 million (2018/19), R23 million (2019/20) and R 36.8 million (2020/21);
2. Public Ordinary Schools: R94.8 million (2018/19) and R82.6 million (2019/20);
3. Early Childhood Development: R9.5 million (2019/20);
4. Infrastructure Development: R119.1 million (2019/20) and R76.5 million (2020/21); and
5. Examination and Education Related Services: R32.8 million (2018/19), R39.3 million (2019/20) and R41.6 million (2020/21).