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**838. Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 2774 on 5 October 2017, what (a) are the reasons that the building of the new school did not commence on 24 October 2017, (b) by what date will construction commence and (c) what is the physical address of the new school? NW923E

**Response**

The response from the province is as follows:

1. The delay related to the construction of this school have been as a result of Gauteng Province facing a constrained fiscal environment, which made it essential for the Gauteng Education Provincial Schools Build Programme to employ strategies for ensuring the maximum utility of all financial resources related to the provision of education infrastructure. The school is one of ten (10) ACT (Alternative Construction Technologies) schools that needed additional funding to be provided prior to commencement on site.
2. The budget approval process was finalised in November 2017 and the GDE is currently awaiting permits from the Department of Labour for contractors to resume work at all ten (10) schools. The school will be built on a vacant stand that is currently zoned appropriately for education purposes and is in line with the requirements of sites as mandated by the norms and standards.
3. The school will be situated on Erf 5015 Birch Acres Extension 32.