**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 947**

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**947. Mr T C R Walters (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) Whether her department has any plans to replace the asbestos school buildings at (a) Toekomsrus Primary School and (b) Randfontein Secondary School in Toekomsrus, Randwest Municipal Area; if so, (i) by what date will the specified school buildings be replaced and (ii) what are the relevant details of the allocated budgets for the buildings;

(2) whether the Department of Labour supplied her department with a report of the dangers that the two school buildings may hold for learners and teachers; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified report? NW2101E

**Response**

1 (a) (b) The Gauteng Department of Education has plans to eradicate all schools built out of inappropriate materials as mandated by the Regulations Relating to Minimum Uniform Norms and Standards for Public School Infrastructure, Government Gazette Number 37081 of 2013. Both these schools have been identified as schools built entirely out of asbestos and are part of the replacement programme. Both these schools are in the Estimates of Capital Expenditure (ECE) for the 2020/21 MTEF period.

The table below indicates the relevant details of the projects.

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| **No** | **Project** **Number** | **Project name**  | **Scope of Works** | **Project Status** | **Indicative / Estimated Budget**  | **Anticipated Start Date** |
| 1 | GDE/700270025/N&R/2018/1 | Randfontein Secondary School | Construction of a Brick and Mortar Replacement Secondary School | Design | R80 000 000 | 2020/21 MTEF Period |
| 2 | GDE/700270033/N&R/2018/1 | Toekomsrus Primary School | Construction of a Brick and Mortar Replacement Primary School | Design | R70 000 000 | 2020/21 MTEF Period |

(2)The Department of Labour provides reports and prohibition notices on educational facilities as and when they conduct inspections and they find the facilities to be not compliant. The Department is not aware of any specific reports issued by the Department of Labour on the two schools.