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**954.   Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1)       With regard to the proposed Grade RR as part of the schooling system (a) what are the current details of the plan, (b) on what date will the plan be implemented, (c) what funding will be made available and (d) what total number of educators will be added to the system;

(2)       whether sufficient infrastructure will be provided; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**Response**

**Question 1**

1. The Departments of Basic Education and Social Development are working together to develop a plan that will see the ECD function migrated from DSD to the DBE. Joint teams have been allocated to workstreams to deliberate on the technical detail and specifics.
2. The ECD function shift to DBE is planned for 1 April 2022.
3. The details of the funding will be determined through the finalisation of the function shift process.
4. The Department of Basic Education will develop a Human Resource Development Strategy in the 2021/22 financial year, to detail with the professionalisation of the ECD workforce and its implications for ECD practitioners.

**Question 2**

1. The availability of appropriate facilities is important in the provision of ECD services. In this regard, the Department of Basic Education will develop an Infrastructure Strategy to be implemented using the ECD conditional grant.