



**Western Cape
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**Select Committee on Finance
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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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As indicated in Education White Paper 5 on Early Childhood Development, May 2001 approximately 40% of young children in South Africa grow up in conditions of abject poverty and neglect. The key challenge for Government is to help break the cycle of poverty by increasing access to ECD programmes particularly for children from impoverished communities. This report reflects our intention to address the needs of these children.

The following table indicates the number of ECD sites within the Province.

DISTRICT	Number of subsidized classes	No. of learners in subsidized classes	No. of posts funded by WCED	No. of learners in WCED post class or Gov. body funded classes	Total # GR R learners
Central	142	4269	42	1314	5583
East	197	6078	18	805	6883
North	251	7714	61	1904	9739
South	3	9376	40	1804	11180
West Coast	124	4337	35	1912	6249
Breede_Overb	199	5558	35	786	6344
South Cape	160	4587	28	1056	5674
TOTALS	1076	41919	259	9581	51652

Number of ECD sites at Public schools	776	
Number of ECD community sites	1 028	
Total number of ECD learning sites	1 804	
Number of grade R learners in Public schools	30 670	
Number of grade R learners in community sites	20 982	
Total number of Grade R learners in the WCED	51 652	
Number of registered ECD learning sites	1 530	
Number of sites not registered	266	
Number of ECD sites registered in 2007	80	
Number of learners at sites registered in 2007	3 005	
Number of subsidized sites at public schools	489	
Number of subsidized sites at community schools	573	
Total number of subsidized sites	1062	
Total number of subsidized learners	41 884	
Number of WCED posts at public schools	160	
Number of WCED posts at community sites	99	
Total number of WCED funded posts	259	

FUNDING

The departmental subsidy paid to pre-primary learning sites is strictly for the running of Grade R classes. Seventy percent (70%) should be used as contribution to the salary of the relevant educator(s) and the remaining thirty percent (30%) for the acquisition of learning and teaching support material (LTSM).

Public Schools within National Quintiles	Per Capita expenditure
Quintiles 1 & 2	R9.00 per learner per day
Quintile 3	R8.00 per learner per day
Quintiles 4 & 5	R4.00 per learner per day

Additional support given to ECD sites

- **Resources:**

- Indoor and outdoor ECD kits @ R30 000 were supplied to 240 schools in Quintiles 1 & 2 during the financial year 2007/08 and within this financial year 2008/09, an additional 240 schools will receive ECD Kits.
- Establishment of 24 model Grade R sites, 3 per district and also providing these sites with ECD kits.

- **Infrastructure development and provision:**

- 111 new Grade R classrooms, either a brick & mortar structure, mobile classroom or insulated concrete panel structure @ R350 000 will be supplied to schools in Quintiles 1-3. These classrooms meet all the necessary requirements to ensure quality Grade R tuition.

- **Development of human resource:**

- All six FET Colleges are accredited ECD centres and also accredited ECD NGO's , such as Grassroots, Centre for Creative learning, ELRU and CECD are responsible for the training of ECD practitioners on Levels 1, 4 and 5. Through EPWP funding, 2007/2008, 2400 practitioners were trained and currently an additional 1000 practitioners have just commenced their training.

Targets for MTEF period 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

Budget Available		Department	Proposed Available		
		EDUCATION	R66 143m		
Name of Project	Description	Number of Beneficiaries	Project Projected Start Date	Project Projected End Date	
ECD 900	LEVEL 1 TRAINING	127		DEC 2008	
	LEVEL 4 TRAINING	464		JUNE 2008	
	LEVEL 5 TRAINING	198		NOV 2008	
ECD 1500	LEVEL 1 TRAINING	462		FEB 2009	
	LEVEL 4 TRAINING	623		MARCH 2009	
	LEVEL 5 TRAINING	783		MARCH 2008	
ECD 1000	LEVEL 1 TRAINING	351	APRIL 2008		
	LEVEL 4 TRAINING	169	JULY 2008		
	LEVEL 5 TRAINING	480	JULY 2008		

ECD 900:

LEVEL	LEARNERS
LEVEL 1	198
LEVEL 4	478
LEVEL 5	200
TOTAL	876

ECD 1500:**ECD 1000**

LEVEL	LEARNERS	LEVEL	LEARNERS
LEVEL 1	513	LEVEL 1	351
LEVEL 4	632	LEVEL 4	169
LEVEL 5	787	LEVEL 5	480
TOTAL	1932		1000

TOTAL ECD LEARNERSHIPS:

LEVEL	LEARNERS
LEVEL 1	1062
LEVEL 4	1279
LEVEL 5	1467
TOTAL	3808

Colleges	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 4	LEVEL5	TOTAL
BOLAND	100	120	124	344
COLLEGE OF CAPE TOWN	180	457	263	900
FALSE BAY	54	69	30	153
NORTHLINK	122	124	172	418
SOUTH CAPE	225	139	371	735
WEST COAST	46	52	0	98

Challenges

- The current learner transport system policy does not make provision for the transportation of Grade R learners within the rural areas. The challenge is to get the draft policy approved and to put measures in place to provide transport for the Grade R learners as well as ensuring their safety.
- In terms of EPWP, the challenge for the ECD practitioners from the far outlying rural areas are the long distances, they have to travel to get to an FET College as this impacts on their regular attendance at these contact sessions. A different mode of training, i.e. decentralised training, is being investigated, but this new mode would not compromise the quality of training.

Colleges	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL
BOLAND	100	100	100	300
COLLEGE OF CAPE TOWN	150	150	150	450
FALSE BAY	84	84	84	252
NORTHLINK	120	120	120	360
SOUTH CAPE	228	228	228	684
WEST COAST	48	48	48	144

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Expenditure: Early Childhood Development
Period: 01 April 2008 - 26 August 2008

	Budget	Actual Spent	Available Budget	% Spent
SP 7.1 Grade R in public schools	87,058,000	25,689,079	61,368,921	30%
SP 7.2 Grade R in community centres	80,111,000	6,061,505	74,049,495	8%
SP 7.3 Professional services	1,000	-	1,000	0%
SP 7.4 Human resource development	59,622,000	16,216,004	43,405,996	27%
	226,792,000	47,966,588	178,825,412	21%
SP7.1 Grade R in public schools				
CoE Compensation of employees	54,520,000	21,553,009	32,966,991	40%
GS Goods and services	218,000	11,375	206,625	5%
NPI Non profit institutions (transfer payments)	31,196,000	4,043,989	27,152,011	13%
HH Households (leave gratuities)	1,124,000	80,706	1,043,294	7%
	87,058,000	25,689,079	61,368,921	30%
SP 7.2 Grade R in community centres				
Compensation of employees				
Goods and services	6,530,000	61,318	6,468,682	1%
Non profit institutions (transfer payments)	73,581,000	6,000,187	67,580,813	8%
Households (leave gratuities)				
	80,111,000	6,061,505	74,049,495	8%
SP 7.3 Professional services				
Non profit institutions (transfer payments)	1,000	-	-	0%
SP 7.4 Human resource development				
Compensation of employees	12,000,000	766,385	11,233,615	6%
Goods and services	25,122,000	2,489,062	22,632,938	10%
Non profit institutions (transfer payments)	22,500,000	12,960,557	9,539,443	58%
	59,622,000	16,216,004	43,405,996	27%

