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Dear Madam

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 225/2023

This correspondence serves to report to the KZN Provincial Legislature in respect to
Parliamentary Question No. 225/2023

Dr I Keeka [DA] to ask the MEC for Education:

Regarding Ferndale Primary School – eThekweni:

- 1. When last was the infrastructure at this school assessed;**

August 2022.

- 2. Is the MEC aware of the condition of the male and female toilets at this school.**

Yes.

- (a) If yes, what steps has the MEC already taken to ensure that these will be repaired.**

The Department has allocated an Implementing Agent to undertake repairs on these ablution facilities. The Implementing Agent is currently doing conditional assessment and scoping the work to be implemented.

- (b) What will be the cost of the repairs as estimated; [If such an assessment has been done]**

The estimated cost of the repairs will be confirmed after conclusion of the conditional assessment and scoping of the work.



- (c) If not, when will the MEC intervene;

Not Applicable.

3. Is the MEC aware of the massive cracks in pillars at the school that has the potential to cause instability of walls that have the potential to fall on learners;

Yes.

- (a) If the MEC is aware, what steps have been taken to remedy this;

The school was allocated to an Implementing Agent. The Implementing Agent is currently in the process of procuring a contractor to remedy the cracks.

- (b) If not, when will the MEC ensure urgent attention and repair of these;

Not Applicable.

4. What is the condition of the park homes supplied for Grade R; and

The school has two mobile classrooms that are being used for Grade R classrooms. One of these mobile classrooms requires repairs that will be implemented as part of the repair works that the implementing agent is procuring the contractor for.

5. What steps will be taken to remedy the appalling condition and inability to use these park homes?

The mobile classrooms are going to be repaired as part of the repair works to the school facilities. Regular inspection and maintenance or replacement of the mobile classrooms will be done while the construction of the permanent structures for Grade R classrooms is being planned and implemented.

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4/7/23
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