

see if indeed with the measures that we will be introducing there will still be gaps or not, so- and we will report to the portfolio committee on this matter and I know Members that are in the portfolio committee. We will give further details there and also performance data. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Rasilingwane again. You can rise to ask your question.

Ms RASILINGWANE: Thank you, Honourable Deputy Speaker.
[Question 4.INF002] MEC:

“With regard to Lotus Gardens Secondary School, will the MEC please indicate:

(i) what is the timeline for the rehabilitation project at Lotus Gardens Secondary School; and

(ii) when does the department expect to complete the procurement process for the major project that is taking place in Lotus Garden?”

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: MEC.

MEC MAMABOLO: Thank you very much once more, Honourable Madam Deputy Speaker. The reply to the question is that with respect to the timelines the construction is estimated to be completed within 16 months, and of course we will monitor that.

With respect to the second question, it should take us not more than four months to deal with matters of procurement and supply chain because [you will] remember [that] the department has a panel of contractors so that should minimise the amount of time required to conclude that. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Remark.

Ms RASILINGWANE: Thank you, Honourable Deputy Speaker. Just as a follow-up [question], noting the response from the MEC. What measures are in place to ensure that there is accountability that is obviously taken to account and of course, adherence to the project timelines? I note that the MEC speaks about 16 months, however, I think it is important that there is [are] at least measures in place to ensure that within that period, there is work that is taking place and people are accountable for [it]. Thanks.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable MEC.

MEC MAMABOLO: I did assure the Honourable Member, Madam Deputy Speaker, that the measures that we introducing to ensure accountability will be able to help us exactly to answer the question. There are new measures [that] we want to enforce on contractors, on PSPs and even our officials to ensure that we stick to timelines, to cost and to quality. We will keep you updated on the matter, but we do understand the question. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable Member, you can rise to ask your question, your following question.

Ms RASILINGWANE: Thank you Honourable, Deputy Speaker.
[Question 4.INF003]

“Again, with regard to Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the 2024/2025 Quarter 1 report, will the MEC please tell us:

- (i) how many of the reported EPWP beneficiaries are new participants versus those that are carried over from the previous quarter;*
- (ii) what is the total budget allocated for EPWP stipends for the 2024/2025 financial year?”*

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: MEC.