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PURPOSE:

Regarding the use, cost, and procurement of mobile classrooms in Gauteng schools, could the MEC please indicate:

QUESTION 1:

How many mobile classrooms are currently in use across Gauteng, broken down per district and per school?

ANSWER:

There are 3336 mobile classrooms that are currently in use across Gauteng. The details of mobile classrooms currently in use, disaggregated per district and per school, are provided in Annexure A.

QUESTION 2:

Of the mobile classrooms currently in use, how many are owned by the Department, and rented from external service providers?

ANSWER:

All mobile classrooms reflected in Annexure A are owned by the Gauteng Department of Education. None of the units listed are rented from external service providers.

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QUESTION 3:

What has been the total cost of renting mobile classrooms per annum from 1994 to date, broken down per financial year?

ANSWER:

The Department has not incurred any expenditure on the rental of mobile classrooms. All mobile classrooms reflected in Annexure A were purchased and not rented. Consequently, no rental costs were incurred from 1994 to date.

QUESTION 4:

Who are the service providers contracted for the supply of mobile classrooms since 1994?

ANSWER:

The Department does not have comprehensive records dating back to 1994. However, the service providers who supplied mobile classrooms during the periods for which records are available are reflected in Annexure A, covering the most recent five financial years.

QUESTION 5:

For each provider, what is the total amount paid to date, including contract periods where they were engaged?

ANSWER:

The total amounts paid to each service provider, including the respective contract periods, are provided in Annexure B.

QUESTION 6:

Based on the total expenditure on mobile classroom rentals since 1994, how many permanent (brick and mortar) schools could have been constructed, including the assumptions used to calculate this estimate?

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ANSWER:

As per Annexure B, the total spent on purchasing mobile classrooms during the past 5 years is R1 452 274 333,51 which amounted to over 3000 mobile classrooms as can be seen in Annexure A.

This could be compared to building 8 to 10 schools with cumulatively under 400 classrooms at an average cost of R175million per school.

This is neglecting to account for several other factors when it comes to the constructing of brick-and-mortar schools to keep the calculation simple.

QUESTION 7:

What was the average cost per school used in this calculation?

ANSWER:

The average cost per school used for the purposes of the calculation was R175 million.

Kind Regards



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