Mr D Smiles to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What (a) is the status of the recapitalisation plans for 100 technical schools as indicated in Budget Vote 13 (details furnished), (b) are the relevant frameworks, including timeframes, (c) is the relevant budget for the (i) 2009-10, (ii) 2010-11 and (iii) 2011-12 financial years and (d) are the names per province of each of the technical schools that will be the beneficiaries of this project?

REPLY:

a) The Department of Basic Education (DoBE) has established an inter-provincial steering committee comprised of officials of the DoBE and provincial coordinators for technology subjects. The steering committee is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the recapitalization project. In addition, the Department has finalized the process to appoint a suitable provider to audit selected technical schools to be considered for recapitalization. The audit will assess infrastructure needs, equipment requirements, teacher and learner support and learning and teaching requirements in the selected schools.

b) The Department has developed a framework for the implementation of the recapitalization of technical schools. The first phase of the process will be used for planning purposes and will take place in 2009/10 financial year. This will
include a report of the audit of schools and the development of business plans for the recapitalization process.

The second phase of the process will commence in 2010/11 financial year and will include the procurement and delivery of the relevant support to schools. The process will also include the monitoring of schools to ensure compliance with the business plans and the conditions for the recapitalization grant.

The third phase will take place in the 2011/12 financial year and will include the finalization of procurement and delivery of relevant support to schools.

c) The budget allocated for the recapitalization of technical schools is as follows:
   2009-10: R4.6 million  
   2010-11: R80 million  
   2011-12: R200 million

d) The names of schools to be recapitalized will be informed by the outcomes of the audit process of technical schools.
DIRECTOR -GENERAL
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