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**QUESTION 3292**

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**Ms N Gina (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether her department intends to meet 100% of the targets set with regard to (a) workbooks, (b) textbooks and (c) minimum infrastructure standards by 2014; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4048E

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) Volume 1 workbooks for the first two terms of the 2013 school calendar year have been printed and are being delivered to schools. Delivery will be completed by end of November 2012. The department has obtained feedback on shortages directly from schools on the proof of deliveries and through a call centre. These will be remediated to ensure achievement of the target.
- (b) The Department of Basic Education (DBE), through the provincial departments of education, is working towards achieving its target of universal coverage of textbooks by 2014.

The process towards achieving this goal began in 2011 when provinces procured textbooks for grades 1-3 and grade 10 for the implementation of CAPS in 2012. This year provinces procured textbooks for grades 4-6 and grade 11 for the CAPS implementation in 2013. Next year provinces will be procuring textbooks for grades 7-9 and grade 12 for the CAPS implementation in 2014. The DBE is currently monitoring provincial textbook coverage.

- c). As per the *Action Plan to 2012:Towards the Realisation of Schooling 2025*, Indicator no 24 refers to the percentage of schools complying with a very basic level of school infrastructure, with a target of 100% to be attained by 2014. The Department is on course to meet target with regard to the provision of basic services to all schools.