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QUESTION 712

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Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 42 on 30 June 2014, when will the Sector Plan to guide the procurement and delivery of textbooks be made public;
- (2) What are the detailed (a) performance targets, (b) time frames and (c) performance indicators of the plan;
- (3) What are the details of the regular Learning and Teaching Support Materials (LTSM) visits planned to the Eastern Cape including the (a) number of visits, (b) dates of each visit and (c) departmental official/s who will attend;
- (4) What are the details of the regular LTSM meetings with the Limpopo Department of Education (a) for the 2013-14 financial year and (b) that are planned for the 2014-15 financial year including the (i) number of visits, (ii) dates of each visit and (iii) attendant department official/s? NW796E

**Response:**

1 The Sector Plan is actually a public document and is available to any member of the public. The plan has already been communicated to provinces for alignment.

2(a) The Sector plan makes provision for the following phases:

- Phase 1: Development, provision and distribution of national catalogues;
- Phase 2: Departmental readiness for ordering of textbooks and stationery;
- Phase 3: Schools prepared for requisition process;
- Phase 4: Requisition process for schools;
- Phase 5: Receiving and distribution; and
- Phase 6: Monitoring and reporting.

2(b) LTSM is provided to schools by the *end of December every year*.

2(c) Provincial LTSM Procurement Management Plan finalized for implementation as follows:

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- i. the national catalogue is finalised and distributed;
  - ii. the departmental has put procurement systems in place;
  - iii. all requisition orders have been placed;
  - iv. Textbooks have been ordered from the publishers and delivered to schools;
  - v. The reports have been received from districts and forwarded to the provincial offices.

3(a) The DBE and PEDs meet quarterly to discuss progress regarding the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools. Eastern Cape Education Department is part of the Quarterly Forum meetings. The DBE has appointed

an Administrator in the province to oversee the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools. DBE has also planned three (3) visits to the Eastern Cape.

3(b) Planned dates to visit Eastern Cape are:

- 12 August 2014;
- 12 September 2014; and
- 10 November 2014.

The LTSM Unit at the DBE conducts random visits to the province when the need arises. Eastern Cape Province was visited by the DBE team comprising of Mr HM Mveli (Branch: C Head); Mr A. Subban (LTSM: Director); Mrs K Manona and Mr S Sibiya (LTSM officials) to monitor the universal coverage of textbooks and stationery at schools.

DBE had the following visits to the Eastern Cape Province:

Province	Date
Eastern Cape	07 June 2013
Eastern Cape	05 August 2013
Eastern Cape	29 August 2013
Eastern Cape	13 December 2013
Eastern Cape	28 – 31 January 2014
Eastern Cape	16 April 2014

3(c) Over and above the existing personnel in the province, the DBE has appointed an official at a Deputy Director level to intensify the monitoring and support in the province regarding the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools. The following DBE officials will attend on an alternative basis: Mrs PT Tyobeka: Provincial Delivery Oversight Unit (PDOU); Mr HM Mveli (Branch: C Head); Mr A. Subban (LTSM: Director) and his team.

4(a) The DBE and PEDs meet weekly to discuss progress regarding the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools. Limpopo Education

Department forms part of the Quarterly Forum meetings held at DBE. The DBE has appointed an Administrator in the province to oversee the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools.

4 The weekly meetings focused on the following key areas:

- The finalization of Provincial learner data;
- The finalization of Provincial catalogues;
- Monitor the delivery of LTSM by publishers to LDoE;
- Monitor delivery of LTSM by delivery agents to schools;
- Monitor compliance of SLA
- Report and address LTSM shortages

4(a)(i) The number of visits for the 2013/14 financial year by DBE officials add to 32 visits.

4(a)(ii) Dates of each visits are as follows:

DBE & LDoE Weekly Planned LTSM Meeting				
Month	Week	Week	Week	Week
April				
May		20-21	23-24	29-30
June				
July	4 - 5			
August	7	21	28	
September	4	12	25	
October	2	9	16	30
November	7	13	20-21	27
December	4			
January		15	22	
February	4	12	19	
March	11	19	26	

4(a)(iii) The Department officials who attended on an alternative basis were Mr MC Matthews: Provincial Administrator in Limpopo; Mr HM Mveli (Branch: C Head); Mr A. Subban (LTSM: Director) and his team.

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4(b)(i) The number of visits for the 2014/14 financial year by DBE officials add to 45 visits.

4(b)(ii) Dates of each visits are as follows:

DBE & LDoE Weekly Planned LTSM Meeting				
Month	Week	Week	Week	Week
April	2	9	16	23
May	7	14	21	28
June	4	11	18	24
July	2	9	16	23
August	6	13	20	27
September	3	10	17	
October	1	8	15	22
November	5	12	19	26
December	3	10	17	
January		14	21	28
February	4	11	18	25
March	4	11	18	25

4(b)(iii) Over and above the existing personnel in the province, the DBE has appointed an official at a Deputy Director level to intensify the monitoring and support in the province regarding the procurement and delivery of LTSM to schools. The following DBE officials will attend on an alternative basis: Mr MC Matthews: Provincial Administrator in Limpopo; Mr HM Mveli (Branch: C Head); Mr A. Subban (LTSM: Director) and his team.

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