

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 700

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**Ms D Kohler-Barnard to ask the Minister of Education:**

(a) What was the total number of (i) primary, (ii) secondary and (iii) combined schools in each province in (aa) 1995, (bb) 2000 and (cc) 2005, (b) how many classrooms in total did each of these schools have in each of these years, (c) what figure in respect of the number of classrooms for each of these schools does her department use to calculate the ideal number of classrooms in each category, (d) what total amount in each province was budgeted for classroom construction in each of these years, (e) what amount of these budgets was actually spent and (f) how many classrooms were constructed for these schools in each category in each of these years?

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**REPLY:**

**(a) Total number of (i) primary, (ii) secondary and (iii) combined schools in each province in (aa) 1995, (bb) 2000 and (cc) 2005**

In order to respond to detailed questions regarding capital stock in the education system, the most appropriate database is the Schools Register of Needs that was undertaken in 1996 and 2000. This Register is currently being updated through a renewed assessment of all public educational institutions. The projected completion of this update is April 2007. At this stage more than half of the public educational institutions have been assessed, but because the update has not been completed less detailed information is available for the current year. Part of the update of the Schools Register of Needs will include the design of a system that will ensure that information is updated routinely, making repeated audits unnecessary.

The available information in answer to part (a) is set out in the table below.

	Primary	Secondary	Combined	No response	TOTAL
<b>SRN 1996 - Number of Schools</b>					
Eastern Cape	2,820	880	2,308		<b>6,008</b>
Free State	2,382	264	249		<b>2,895</b>
Gauteng	1,369	518	273		<b>2,160</b>
KwaZulu-Natal	3,665	1,449	263		<b>5,377</b>
Limpopo	2,706	1,392	91		<b>4,189</b>
Mpumalanga	1,372	328	178		<b>1,878</b>
Northern Cape	345	66	118		<b>529</b>
North West	1,600	309	457		<b>2,366</b>
Western Cape	1,207	307	192		<b>1,706</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,466</b>	<b>5,513</b>	<b>4,129</b>		<b>27,108</b>
Province	Primary	Secondary	Combined	No response	TOTAL
<b>SRN 2000 - Number of Schools</b>					
Eastern Cape	2,837	751	2,536	7	<b>6,131</b>
Free State	1,884	246	351	1	<b>2,482</b>
Gauteng	1,359	531	308	19	<b>2,217</b>
KwaZulu-Natal	3,920	1,246	353	12	<b>5,531</b>
Limpopo	2,711	1,360	129	29	<b>4,229</b>
Mpumalanga	1,262	329	219	1	<b>1,811</b>
Northern Cape	299	64	117	0	<b>480</b>
North West	1,481	308	507	7	<b>2,303</b>
Western Cape	1,063	304	219	4	<b>1,590</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,816</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>4,739</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>26,774</b>
Province	Primary	Secondary	Combined	No response	TOTAL
<b>2005 Update of SRN - Estimated Number of Schools</b>					
Eastern Cape					<b>6,245</b>
Free State					<b>1,839</b>
Gauteng					<b>1,927</b>
KwaZulu-Natal					<b>5,750</b>
Limpopo					<b>4,278</b>
Mpumalanga					<b>1,934</b>
Northern Cape					<b>453</b>
North West					<b>2,360</b>
Western Cape					<b>1,570</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>26,356</b>

**(b) How many classrooms in total did each of these schools have in each of these years?**

The available information in answer to part (b), based on the Schools Register of Needs for 1996 and 2000, is set out in the table below. Detail on the number of classrooms in 2006 awaits the completion of the current update of the Schools Register of Need.

Number of Classrooms in Public Schools		
	SRN 1996	SRN 2000
Eastern Cape	40,489	49,112
Free State	20,583	22,522
Gauteng	41,721	45,932
KwaZulu-Natal	58,423	66,805
Limpopo	38,958	43,077
Mpumalanga	19,996	17,766
Northern Cape	6,265	6,721
North West	23,928	26,278
Western Cape	26,461	29,404
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276,824</b>	<b>307,617</b>

**(c) What figure in respect of the number of classrooms for each of these schools does her department use to calculate the ideal number of classrooms in each category?**

There is no hard and fast rule for the number of classrooms per school. The number will depend on the location of the school and the number of learners. Generally urban schools have more classrooms than rural schools. For example, Gauteng has a range of generic designs regarding school size and number of classrooms that can be utilized depending on specific circumstances.

**(d and e) What total amount in each province was budgeted for classroom construction in each of these years? What amount of these budgets was actually spent?**

It is difficult to estimate expenditure on new classrooms on their own, because classrooms are added on to existing schools and also as part of new schools. Expenditure on a project will also include other facilities such as sanitation and water.

The table below provides budgeted amounts and expenditure on capital for provincial education departments (public ordinary schools) in recent years. The bulk of this expenditure is on school facilities and classrooms specifically.

National Treasury 2005 & 2006 (May) Provincial Database	2004/05			2005/06			2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Preliminary outcome	Main appropriation	Adjusted appropriation	Preliminary outcome	Medium-term estimates		
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>2,902,642</b>	<b>3,373,424</b>	<b>2,496,768</b>	<b>2,902,642</b>	<b>3,373,424</b>	<b>2,803,508</b>	<b>3,575,252</b>	<b>4,051,994</b>	<b>4,953,268</b>
Buildings and other fixed structures	2,480,797	2,977,166	2,148,323	2,480,797	2,977,166		3,126,664	3,393,318	3,984,184
Buildings	2,313,406	2,765,360	1,913,268	2,313,406	2,765,360		3,006,664	3,263,318	3,744,184
Other fixed structures	167,391	211,806	235,055	167,391	211,806		120,000	130,000	240,000
Machinery and equipment	421,845	396,258	348,445	421,845	396,258		448,588	658,676	969,084
Transport equipment	13,277	9,963	32,984	13,277	9,963		9,154	9,468	10,200
Other machinery and equipment	408,568	386,295	315,461	408,568	386,295		439,434	649,208	958,884
Cultivated assets	-	-	947	-	-		-	-	-
Software and other intangible assets	80	2,885	289	80	2,885		2,913	88	93

**(f) how many classrooms were constructed for these schools in each category in each of these years?**

It is estimated that 7,321 classrooms were built during the 1995/96 financial year; and 2,372 during the 2000/01 financial year. For 2005/06, provinces report building 101 new schools and 5,222 new classrooms at existing schools.