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222. Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether, with regard to the fact that a number of schools in the Eastern Cape are yet to receive their stationery and groceries for the feeding programme, while scholar transportation is discontinued in some areas, an investigation has been conducted into the total number of schools that are affected; if not, why not; if so, (a) what interventions were put in place and (b) who has been held accountable?

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Response

Funds for the school meals were disbursed to all schools participating in the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) by the second week of the school term. The Eastern Cape (ECDOE) implements the decentralised model where funds are transferred to the schools in 4 tranches, and the schools procure the food required for preparing meals for the learners. 54 district based officials monitor approximately 350 schools per week to ensure that nutritious meals are provided every day on time.