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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 83.**

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**83. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:  
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

***Building of new school buildings/renovations***

- (1) (a) How many new schools will be built during the current financial year, (b) where and (c) how many will be renovated;
- (2) whether the old and dilapidated Pacaltsdorp Secondary School will be prioritised in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### Response

(1)

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has advised that a total of 40 new schools are targeted for completion in the 2024/25 financial year across provinces as follows:

| Province      | Numbers   |
|---------------|-----------|
| Eastern Cape  | 11        |
| Free State    | 6         |
| Gauteng       | 3         |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 2         |
| Limpopo       | 2         |
| Mpumalanga    | 2         |
| Northern Cape | 2         |
| North West    | 8         |
| Western Cape  | 4         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>40</b> |

The schools are being built in identified priority areas based on infrastructure needs, population growth and demand for school placements in each province.

A total of 1,461 schools are scheduled for repairs and renovations in the 2024/25 financial year.

(2)

In terms of the South African Schools Act, read with the Government Immovable Asset Management Act, provinces are responsible for the provisioning, management and maintenance of public school infrastructure.

The question relating to Pacaltsdorp Secondary School therefore falls under the executive authority of the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Western

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Cape Province. The Honourable Member is kindly requested to refer the question to the MEC for Education for Western Cape Province as per section 92(3)(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Rule 134 (5)(b) of the National Assembly Rules.