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**189. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Placement of learners at schools

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(a) How many learners have not been placed at schools in 2023 in each province, (b) when will such learners be placed and (c) how is the system been improved to ensure that all learners are placed prior the beginning of each academic year?

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Response

All learners that have been on the waiting list, including late applications have been placed in all provinces. There are still individual cases of current relocations that provinces are handling on a day to day basis. These are addressed as and when requests of placement are received.

Relocations (internal migration) and lack of land to build new schools and additional classrooms make planning difficult in fast growing areas where new residential houses, town houses, flats and malls are built without notice to the Department are developed at an alarming rate. However, the Department is putting systems in place to commence with the 2024 admission process early in the year. Task teams will be provided in all provinces to include, EMIS, Finance, Infrastructure, Management and Governance in order to study trends that would enable provinces to plan for the building of additional class rooms and the purchase of mobile classrooms before the end of 2023.