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**194. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

***Eradication of pit toilets***

(a) What is the status to eradicate all pit toilets in the Eastern Cape by the end of 2020 as promised by her department in 2018, (b) how many schools still have pit toilets in the Eastern Cape and (c) when will pit toilets be completely eradicated in all schools?

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#### Response

(a) It is important to differentiate between BASIC PIT TOILETS and VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT TOILETS. BASIC PIT TOILETS are regarded as inappropriate for school sanitation. VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT TOILETS are regarded as appropriate dry sanitation for schools.

(b) There are 1451 schools in the Eastern Cape on the SAFE programme, meaning they are dependent on BASIC PIT TOILETS. At 20 March 2023, a total of 858 of these 1451 schools have been served with APPROPRIATE TOILETS.

- The balance of 593 schools are in varying stages of progress:
  - There are 194 schools in Planning & Design stage
  - There are 192 schools in Tender stage
  - There are 207 schools in Construction stage

(c) All of the 593 sanitation projects are scheduled for completion in 2023/24