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1723.. Mr S L Ngcobo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What new and improved measures has her department put in place to prevent the National Schools Nutrition Programme (NSNP) from a disastrous collapse in future as more than 9,6 million school children throughout the Republic depend on the NSNP, with the programme being the only source of food for most of the pupils?

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Response

The Department will take a lead in the medium to long-term in the modernisation of the NSNP in schools, which will include:

- (i) A proposal to create economies of scale to improve the programme;
- (ii) A modern electronic stock management system for high quality inputs;
- (iii) An extensive local economic empowerment with a focus on women, youth and people with disability;
- (iv) The introduction of the Home Grown School Feeding with direct links with small holder farmers;
- (v) The encouragement of Provinces to join transversal contracts, such as the liquid gas (RT51); and
- (vi) The introduction of a Modern IT/Real time data system.