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443. Mr B S Yabo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

(a) What is the scale of the infrastructure programme of her department and (b) which areas will be prioritised to improve schooling facilities in the current financial year?

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Response

What is the scale of the infrastructure programme of her department

The preliminary estimates of prioritised infrastructure backlogs reflected in the DBE Capital Investment Planner are as follows:

Priority	Description	Number of schools	Average unit cost	Project cost estimate (Incl VAT)
1	Upgrading of classrooms to address overcrowding	8 222	R3 964 056	R32 592 471 763
2	Upgrading of sanitation to meet norms & standards	13 485	R1 055 498	R14 233 395 987
3	Upgrading of water supply to meet norms & standards	16 796	R408 292	R6 857 664 769
4	Upgrading of electricity supply to meet norms & standards	56	R300 000	R16 800 000
5	Upgrading of inappropriate buildings to meet norms & standards	5 334	R3 240 353	R17 284 040 348
6	Upgrading of perimeter fence to meet norms & standards	1 424	R43 783	R62 347 000
7	Provision of school libraries	16 756	R750 000	R12 567 000 000
8	Provision of computer centres & laboratories	15 782	R1 355 278	R21 389 000 000
9	Provision of nutrition centres	11 701	R750 000	R8 775 750 000
10	Repair of storm damage	2 336	R229 397	R535 871 710

The preliminary estimates of prioritised infrastructure backlogs reflected in the DBE Maintenance Investment Planner are as follows:

- Required investment in annual preventive maintenance is about R10 billion/year
- Required investment in backlog maintenance is about R100 billion

The preliminary estimates of available funding are as follows:

- School infrastructure backlog grant is about R2 billion/year for the MTEF (R2.078bil 2023/2024, R2.172bil and R2. 269bil)
- Education infrastructure grant is about R13 billion/year

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Which areas will be prioritised to improve schooling facilities in the current financial year?

In 2023/2024, the Department of Basic Education through ASIDI and SAFE plans to:

- a. Eradicated/ Upgrade classrooms to address overcrowding at 9 Inappropriate Structures
- b. Upgrade water supply to meet norms and standards to 1 school.
- c. Upgrade sanitation to meet norms and standards to 350 schools.

Progress as at 28 August 2023 with implementation of the above targets was as follows:

- a. The two inappropriate schools had progressed to between 76 and 99%; The balance of inappropriate schools/schools with overcrowding challenge are still at planning and design stage.
- b. Four (4) water projects had been completed.
- c. Hundred and Sixty-five (165) sanitation projects have been completed; the balance of the projects are at various stages of planning and construction.