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3240. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether she has quantified the type of infrastructure backlogs that schools have in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what (a) is the most common backlog and (b) does she intend to do to resolve the backlogs?

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Response

1. The DBE developed a Capital Investment Planner that aims to quantify the infrastructure backlog per school.
2. This is based on information provided by the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs).
3. The infrastructure backlog that will require the biggest investment is overcrowding - a resultant of classroom shortage.
4. The Minister is in discussion with the Minister of Finance regarding a special programme and funding to address overcrowding.
5. One of the innovative and cost-effective approaches, is that of working through school governing bodies to appoint small contactors.