

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORAL REPLY

QUESTION 385.

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 30/08/2022

INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 28/2022

385. Mr P R Moroatshehla (ANC) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Considering that the Republic has been hit by the unprecedented natural catastrophe of floods, with KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and North West paying the highest price in terms of the loss of lives and infrastructure, including school infrastructure, what (a) progress has been made with the reconstruction of damaged schools and (b) mechanisms will her department put in place to timeously respond when disaster to school infrastructure strikes?

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORAL REPLY

QUESTION 385.

Response

Response: The following progress has been recorded

a) Kwazulu Natal (KZN)

FOCUS AREA	PROGRESS
Category A Projects (41 Schools) (Minor damages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33 Schools completed the tender process• 2 schools at construction stage• 6 Schools at practical completion
Category B Projects (117 Schools) (Medium damages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 schools at design phase• 72 schools completing tender process• 13 schools at construction stage
Category C Projects (202 Schools) (Serious damages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 163 Schools at Planning Phase• 27 Schools at design phase• 8 Schiils at Tender Stage• 4 Schools at constructuion phase

Furthermore, the NECT was appointed by the DBE to assit he province with condition assessment as wel as verification of costs. The NECT report was received on 31 August 2022 and is being assessed for further processing.

Eastern Cape

A total of 51 Schools were reported to have been affected by the Floods in Eastern Cape. These covered mainly three districts, Amathole East, Chris Hani and O R Tambo Coastal District. The DBE visited a sample of 37 schools in all three Districts.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORAL REPLY

QUESTION 385.

The majority of schools were found to have problems with old roofs, which leaked when it rains. A total of 27 Schools were also found to have been damaged by the floods, mainly in Amathole East District. The DBE appointed the NECT to assist with conditional assessment of these schools and to provide the costs. The NECT report was received on 31 August 2022, and is being analysed for further processing.

North West: No schools were found to have been damaged by the floods in the North West Province.

b) The DBE is looking at mechanisms to institutionalise response to disasters. A Ministerial Task Team was appointed to coordinate DBE response to the disaster in this instance.