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437. . Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

With reference to her department's proposal to make Grade R compulsory, what steps will her department take to ensure that the dilapidating existing school infrastructure is able to accommodate the influx of Grade R learners until new infrastructure is built?

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Response

The provision of Grade R infrastructure is already being funded through the Education Infrastructure Grant and the Equitable share portion by provinces. The Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative also, funded through the Schools Infrastructure Backlogs Grant also contributes as Grade R classrooms are provided in the primary schools that are replaced. There are four means through which Grade R classrooms are provided. These are:

- New standalone Grade R classrooms;
- New or Replacement schools provided with Grade R classrooms;
- Ordinary classrooms converted into Grade R; and
- Mobile classrooms used as Grade R classrooms.