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## MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION TO APPEAR BEFORE PARLIAMENT'S PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION

The Department of Basic Education invites members of the media to attend and cover the appearance of the Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, before the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education.

Minister Gwarube will brief the Committee on the state of school infrastructure in South Africa, with a particular focus on progress made, challenges inherited from previous administrations, and key policy interventions aimed at ensuring that every school is safe, dignified, and conducive to learning.

### Key issues to be addressed include:

- The eradication of unsafe schools through the ASIDI and SAFE programmes.
- Progress in providing water, sanitation, and electricity to schools.
- The infrastructure maintenance backlog and new policy proposals to ringfence funds for sustainable upkeep

### Members of the Media are invited to attend and will be offered interview opportunities as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, 6 May 2025

**Time:** 10:00

**Venue:** S12A, Ground Floor, NCOP, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, Cape Town

**Format:** Physical Attendance

Minister Gwarube, as a Democrat, remains committed to transparent governance and accountable governance

**Ends.**

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