

# WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

## 5. **Mr M K Sayed to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:**

With reference to his reply to question 4 of 20 March 2026:

In light of his confirmation that 71 schools in the province have been identified as being built wholly or partially with inappropriate materials, including asbestos, and noting that the applicable norms and standards prohibit the use of asbestos and require provinces to plan for and report on the eradication of such infrastructure:

- (1) Which 71 schools are affected and (b) what is the nature and extent of asbestos or other inappropriate materials present at each school;
- (2) whether each affected school has been subjected to a formal risk assessment; if so,
- (3) whether a plan is in place for each school; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) (a) which schools have been earmarked for (i) urgent intervention, (ii) remediation, or (iii) full replacement and (b) what are the (i) time frames and (ii) budgets attached to each planned intervention?

Answer:

My department has informed me of the following:

- (1) The 71 schools referred to are those assessed as being built wholly or partially of "inappropriate materials" as defined in the Regulations relating to *Minimum Uniform Norms and Standards for Public School Infrastructure*. The category "inappropriate materials" includes, amongst others, asbestos, metal and wood. The list of affected schools is provided in Annexure A below.
- (2) The identification of the 71 schools is based on assessments undertaken as part of the Western Cape Education Department's (WCED) baseline and subsequent infrastructure planning processes, which distinguishes between schools requiring

full replacement or partial remediation (e.g., replacement of specific building components such as roofing). Where projects are taken forward, the WCED undertakes the required technical due diligence and risk-informed planning as part of its prioritisation and project development processes, aligned to the Regulations and the Department's infrastructure planning framework.

- (3) A prioritised, risk-adjusted plan is in place to address schools built wholly or partially of inappropriate materials. The WCED's infrastructure plans are incorporated within its infrastructure planning instruments, including the Draft U-AMP 2026/27, which includes plans to address basic infrastructure categories, including schools built wholly or partially of inappropriate materials. The pace of implementation is influenced by fiscal constraints and competing infrastructure priorities, and budget uncertainty has affected the WCED's ability to accelerate replacement of schools built with inappropriate materials.

Since 2014/2015, the WCED has fully rebuilt 67 schools constructed wholly or partially of inappropriate materials.

- (4)(a) The WCED has identified 54 schools for full replacement. The remaining 17 schools are earmarked for partial replacement where targeted replacement of components may be appropriate without necessarily demolishing the entire facility.
- (b)(i) The timeline is dependent on budget availability and certainty.
- (b)(ii) The cost of eliminating the backlog of 71 schools built wholly or partially of inappropriate materials is estimated at approximately R5.6 billion, based on an approximate cost of R80 million per school. School- and project-specific budget allocations are confirmed during feasibility, design, and procurement stages and are then reflected in the relevant approved infrastructure budgets and implementation plans.

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**DATE: 22 MAY 2026**

## ANNEXURE A

ALFONS PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
BELLVILLE-SUID PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
BERGSIG PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
BISHOP LAVIS SEKONDÊR	Partial Replacement
BOTRIVIER PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
BRIDGTON SEKONDÊR	Replacement
CERES PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
CHARLESTON HILL SEKONDÊR	Replacement
CONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
DAGBREEK LAERSKOOL	Replacement
DAGBREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
DE VILLIERS PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
DOWNEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
DYSSSELDORP PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
EBENEZER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
ELDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
ELNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
ESSENHOUT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
FRAAISIG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
FRIEMERSHEIM PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
GAMKA-OOS PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
GRASSY PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
GROOT BRAKRIVIER PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
H.J. KRONEBERG JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
HEIDEDAL PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
HOPEFIELD PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
HOPOLANG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
HYDE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
JONGENSKLIP PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
KANNEMEYER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
KLEINBERG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
KLIPHEUWEL PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
KOSIE DE WET PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
LAURIE HUGO PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Partial Replacement
LUTZVILLE NGK PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
MANENBERG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
MONTAGU'S GIFT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
MOOI-UIJSIG PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
MORRISDALE PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
MVULA PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
NEDERBURG PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Partial Replacement
NIEUWE MORGEN PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
NIEUWOUDT PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
OCEAN VIEW SKOOL	Partial Replacement

PAARLZICHT PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
PACALTSDORP SEKONDÊR	Replacement
PANORAMA PRIMÊRE SKOOL (RIVERSDAL)	Partial Replacement
PARKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
PETRA GEDENK PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
PRIMROSE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
PRINS ALBERT PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
PROTEA HOËRSKOOL	Replacement
PROTEM NGK PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
RIO GRANDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
SIBABALWE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
SID G. RULE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
SONDEREND PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
ST. HELENABAAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	Replacement
STRUISBAAI PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Partial Replacement
SUNNYSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
SURREY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
SWARTBERG PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
THOMAS WILDSCHUTT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
UITSIG PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
VANGUARD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
VICTORIAPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Replacement
VINKRIVIER PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
WELTEVREDEN VALLEY CORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Partial Replacement
WEMMERSHOEK PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
WINSLEY PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement
WYSERSDRIFT PRIMÊRE SKOOL	Replacement