

WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

26. Mr L D van Wyk to ask Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Education:

- (1) (a) What maintenance projects were undertaken at schools for the (i) 2021/22, (ii) 2022/23, (iii) 2023/24 and (iv) 2024/25 financial year and (b) what were the financial costs associated with each of the maintenance projects listed, broken down per project and financial year;
- (2) (a)(i) what is the total budget allocated for infrastructure maintenance for the 2025/26 financial year and (ii) which specific maintenance projects are planned under this allocation and (b) how are fiscal constraints, particularly in the form of limited departmental budgets and cuts to grant funding, impacting the scope, scheduling, or prioritisation of infrastructure maintenance projects as set out by his Department for the 2025/26 financial year?

Response:

26. My department has informed me of the following:

(1) (a) Please see attached Annexure A.

(b)

Financial Year	No. of Schools	Actual expenditure
2021/22	54	R320,463
2022/23	54	R563,626
2023/24	101	R757,805
2024/25	57	R684,445

* Source: WCED Annual Reports_ 2021/22; 2022/23; 2023/24; 2024/25

- (2)(a) (i) The total budget allocated for infrastructure maintenance in the 2025/26 financial year is R756 430 000 for Preventative Maintenance and R257 000 000 for Corrective Maintenance.

(ii) Please see attached Annexure A.

- (2)(b) Inadequate infrastructure funding over the past several years has led to a massive increase in maintenance backlogs and accelerated infrastructure failure. This was further exacerbated by the reprioritisation of funds as a result of budget pressures and COVID-19. The funding backlog is estimated to be approximately R 5 billion to address only maintenance backlogs. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has adopted the Critical Component Strategy which targets repairs and replacement of structural components to address critical needs.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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