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MEMORANDUM

TO : PROCEEDINGS OFFICE

FROM : MEC FOR EDUCATION

**SUBJECT : PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY
NUMBER 4 IQP27/2009**

Question:-

Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:

- 1. Whether he has been informed of any Section 21 schools in the province that are experiencing difficulty in paying their municipal accounts; if so, how many schools are experiencing such difficulty;**
- 2. Whether any steps have been or are to be taken with a view to assisting these cash-strapped schools; if not, why not; if so (a) what steps and (b) when?**

RESPONSE:-

1. There are two hundred and seventeen (217) schools in the Province, mostly schools with hostels that are experiencing difficulty in paying municipal accounts. The majority are quintile 3, 4 and 5 schools that are receiving per learner expenditure that is less than the one received by quintile 1 and 2. This results in insufficient budget for municipal services.

The number of schools experiencing challenges is reflected as follows:-

CLUSTER A	CLUSTER B	CLUSTER C
	Queenstown = 69	Fort Beaufort = 02
	Mthatha = 22	Cradock = 10
	Ngcobo = 03	Grahamstown = 12
		Graaff-Reinett = 41
		Port Elizabeth = 54
		Uitenhage = 01
		K W T = 04
TOTAL = 00	93	124
GRAND TOTAL	217	

2. During the budgeting process for financial year 2009/10, R17.5million was top-sliced from the Norms and Standards for School Funding budget to assist Section 21 schools that are struggling in paying municipal accounts.

I thank you.

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