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STATEMENT BY GAUTENG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON NOORDGESIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Gauteng Department of Education seeks to clarify a number of issues that have been prompted by the visit to Noordgesig Primary School by DA MPL Mr Khume Ramulifho and his subsequent media statement.

Neither the Department nor the MEC was informed of the visit to the school by the MPL.

The Department plans to replace the current asbestos school with a brick and mortar school. As such, the project relates to a school rebuild rather than renovation so as to replace inappropriate schools built with inappropriate materials. Given the scope of the project to replace a school made of asbestos it was prudent to cancel the planned renovations that would have cost R17 million.

The project was ear-marked to begin in September 2016 but has been delayed for a number of reasons.

The initial project cost was R90 million for the rebuild. However, the pricing that we received was above the R90m allocated budget and the department had to send the costing back to the implementing agency for review. We are currently working with the agency to reduce the scope of work to an amount that is within the allocated budget. As soon as this is done, the process will commence to appoint a contractor.

The Department remains committed to start the rebuild in the current financial year.

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