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MINISTER GWARUBE TO BRIEF PARLIAMENT ON SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRESS IN ERADICATING PIT LATRINES

The Minister of Basic Education, Siviwe Gwarube, will appear before the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) on Tuesday 11 March at 10h00 to provide a comprehensive update on the state of school infrastructure in South Africa.

The Minister will outline progress made in addressing infrastructure backlogs, including the construction and refurbishment of school facilities, the provision of electricity, water and sanitation, and the rollout of modern learning environments to support quality education.

Minister Gwarube will take Parliament into her confidence on-progress being made on the government's commitment to eradicating pit latrines in schools through the SAFE (Sanitation Appropriate for Education) Initiative. With the 31 March 2025 deadline fast approaching, she will provide a detailed account of progress made, the remaining challenges, and the final push to ensure that no child is left learning in unsafe conditions.

The Minister's appearance at the NCOP is a crucial moment to reaffirm executive accountability, outline concrete actions taken, and demonstrate the Department's commitment to ensuring safe, dignified learning environments for all South African learners. Members of the media are invited to cover the Minister's briefing and engage on the Department's progress in strengthening school infrastructure.

Date: Tomorrow , Tuesday, 11 March 2025

Time: 10h00

Venue: NCOP Chamber, Parliament, Plein Street, Cape Town

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