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Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure successfully completed one school in the 2022/2023 financial year.

This is according to MEC Nkakareng Ralgoale delivering her budget speech in the provincial legislature recently.

"The Gidela Secondary School in Blinkwater village is 100% complete as part of the infrastructure rollout plan in the previous year," she said.

"Six schools have commenced construction in the rollout plan of the 2023/24 financial year," she said.

These schools are Diphuti Primary in The Oaks village, Chameti Secondary in Mushiyani village, Napsadi Secondary in Makgaung village, Ngwana Makhutswe Secondary in Sofaya village, Ramatimana Secondary in Molototsi village and Sehonwe Secondary in Sedibeng village, both in the Bolebedu area.

She said another six schools are at the final design stage and waiting for approval to commence with construction advertisement as part of the rollout plan in the 2023/24 to 2024/25 financial years.

These are Ooghoek Primary in Ooghoek village, Runnymede Primary in Nwamitwa village, Ukuthula Primary in Ka-Rhangani village, Vallambrosa Primary in Mokgwathi village, Makgopele Secondary in Skhiming village, and Matimu Secondary in Khujwana village.

"The department will continue with its support to other departments through the provision of education infrastructure. The construction of 26 new school projects has commenced and is prioritised to be completed in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years respectively."

Ten new school projects are designated to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year across the province and sixteen new school projects are to be completed in the 2024/25 financial year across the province.

She said that a total of 24 new school projects are at the final design stage and prioritised to advertise for construction in the 2023/24 financial year.

Some of the schools are Potokela Primary, Thabakgone Primary, Piet Hugo Primary, Ooghoek Primary, Runnymede Primary, and Ukuthula Primary.

"The department is currently looking at plans to ensure that projects are provided with an alternative energy source such as solar panels and lithium batteries, prior to completion. The cost-benefit analysis will be undertaken during the design and project budgeting processes," she said.



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