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QUESTION PAPER

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Stalled/incomplete housing development projects

★68. Mr T M Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department has any plans to resuscitate the stalled and/or incomplete housing development projects that have been identified during the 2024 National Council of Provinces Provincial Week Programme; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what are the further relevant details? CO275E

Scaling up social housing

★56. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What are her department's plans to scale up social housing significantly as it accounts for only 1% of the total housing delivery nationally and (b) how is funding aligned to achieve this? CO259E

Investigation into criminal cases

★51. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) Whether she will provide a comprehensive update on the status of the 25 criminal cases that have been laid by the Free State Department of Human Settlements from 2003 (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what measures are in place to expedite the finalisation of the investigations, especially those that have been ongoing for decades;
- (2) (a) how her department plans to recover the R631 million that has been allegedly paid to 106 companies that failed to deliver houses, (b) what accountability mechanisms have been implemented to prevent similar corruption scandals in the future and (c) what (i) disciplinary and/or (ii) legal actions have been taken against the implicated officials in this regard, including those who have been mentioned in the State Capture Commission of Inquiry? CO254E

Budget cuts for housing

★69. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether her department has conducted any impact assessments of the budget cuts for the delivery of housing in the current Medium-Term Expenditure Framework; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO276E

*Housing backlog***★54. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

- (1) Whether the Government will consider its own building material industries and removing all bureaucratic obstacles and exorbitant costs in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government will consider (a) shortening the prolonged land acquisition processes and (b) expropriating the unused land to address housing backlog; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? CO257E

*Spending of allocated funds***★70. Ms K R Molokomme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

Whether her department has any plans to assist provinces to spend their allocated funds for the delivery of housing and related infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what plans?

CO277E

*Maintenance/upgradation of water/sanitation infrastructure***★64. Mr T M Kaunda (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether her department has any integrated plans in place to assist municipalities with requisite financial and/or technical capacity for the (a) maintenance and (b) upgrading of critical water and sanitation infrastructure, especially in the expanding township areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO271E

*Success rate of interventions***★61. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What is the success rate of her department's sections 62 and 63 interventions of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), to ensure that constitutional right to water is upheld, given the current dysfunctional state of water boards around the country? CO268E

*Access to clean/reliable water***★52. Ms M Makesini (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What immediate interventions have been implemented to ensure access to (i) clean and/or (ii) reliable water supply in Bloemfontein (details furnished) and (b) how is the Government planning to support the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality in securing the R3 billion that is required to address its severe water and sanitation challenges? CO255E

*Funds owed by municipalities to water boards***★65. Mr B S Mabebo (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

How much is currently owed to water boards by municipalities and (b) what are her department's plans to assist water boards to recover such funds? CO272E

*Continuous water outages***★53. Mr E Nzimande (Gauteng: MKP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether, in light of the continuous water outages in the iLembe District Municipality (details furnished), she will provide (a) detailed plans and (b) progress that is aimed at addressing water outages and associated infrastructural challenges;
- (2) whether she has any plans to mitigate against the causal factor on damage-prone water infrastructure owing to soil texture, including the said municipality and other surrounding areas with the same or similar challenges; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO256E

*Theft/vandalism of water infrastructure***★67. Ms K R Molokomme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

What are her department's plans to collaborate with relevant departments in the security cluster to assist municipalities in addressing the persistent (a) theft and/or (b) vandalism of critical water infrastructure by criminal syndicates? CO274E

Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):

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