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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION

Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements

Whether she has investigated claims of unauthorised and irregular payments from the Emergency Housing Fund pertaining to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3204E

REPLY:

The Department of Human Settlements is not aware of any claims of unauthorised and irregular payments pertaining to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality. The Department of Human Settlements will appreciate if the honourable member can furnish the department with more information relating to this matter.

Before the Department can effect any payment relating to the Temporary Residential Units (TRUs), the departmental Inspectors are required to conduct inspections to all the completed structures (TRUs) that the Service Provider has erected before the claim can be submitted to the department. The Inspectors will complete the inspection forms and signed it to ensure that they are happy with the erected structures. If they are not happy, they will raise the snags that the Service Provider needs to address before submitting the claims and they won't sign the inspection forms until the snags list is addressed.

Upon the receipt of the claims from Service Provider, the Department Officials from Emergency Housing Unit will review the claims submitted by Service Provider by checking the number of Units claimed, against the inspection forms signed by Inspectors, Happy Letters/Hand-Over Letters signed by Beneficiary acknowledging the receipts of the TRUs and Identity Documents of the beneficiaries. The Emergency Housing will then signed the claims and the claims will be submitted to the Finance unit for processing, however before Finance unit process the payment, the claims is submitted to the Interna Control section of Finance Unit to review if the information submitted is valid and complete.