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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**QUESTION:**

**Ms S Mosikatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

With reference to the 147 Breaking New Ground houses built in 2014 in Stillwater near Riverton in the Northern Cape that were allocated to beneficiaries despite visible cracks in the houses, what steps will her department take to ensure that the specified families will live in a decent house with security and comfort? NW3352E

**REPLY:**

The Northern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), in collaboration with the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC), has conducted a forensic audit of the 147 Breaking New Ground houses built in 2014 in Stillwater near Riverton, Northern Cape. The structural assessments were conducted during 2023 and the findings have informed the development of a proposed remedial plan to address structural concerns and ensure that affected families live in houses that are safe, secure, and dignified.

Once the Province have concluded their own processes, they will submit a formal request for the Minister's approval to rectify those houses. The Department remains committed to ensuring that all subsidised housing projects meet the required standards of quality and durability.