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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

1729. Ms S Gcilishe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

With the rapid expansion of informal settlements and delays in housing projects, how is her department (a) accelerating the delivery of quality housing solutions and (b) ensuring access to essential amenities such as water and sanitation for residents of informal settlements? NW1783E

REPLY:

a) In accelerating the delivery of quality housing solutions, the department has implemented programs like the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP), which focuses on providing service sites, security of tenure and Human Settlement Development Grant (HSDG) for housing solutions to residents. Additionally, Housing Development Agency (HDA) as the Entity of the department is tasked amongst others to fast-track housing delivery by acquiring, preparing land for development and ensuring it is ready for construction.

b) In ensuring access to essential amenities such as water and sanitation for residents of informal settlements, the department upgrade informal settlements by installing and improving access to water, sanitation, roads, storm water and other basic services. The Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) emphasises participatory and incremental approaches to ensure sustainable development. Collaboration with NGOs and Community Organisations has also been pivotal in addressing these needs. These strategies reflect a commitment to tackling housing backlogs and enhancing living conditions for vulnerable communities.