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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

5543. Mr S L Dithebe (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Given that in March 2025 the Free State Human Settlements Department reported that it has over 20 000 blocked housing units in the specified province and would refrain from constructing any new housing units until the existing blocked units are finalised, what is the strategy of her department for unblocking the specified housing projects, including the envisaged (a) timeline and (b) total expenses associated with the projects? NW6199E

REPLY:

In terms of the response provided by the Free State Department of Human Settlements, the Province has prioritised the unblocking and completion of existing housing projects to ensure that beneficiaries receive their houses without further delay.

(a) Strategy and Timeline:

The Province has appointed contractors from its approved panel to complete the blocked and incomplete housing units. A total of 159 projects have been identified for unblocking

and completion, and these have been incorporated into the Provincial Business Plan for the 2025/26 financial year. The Province will maintain its focus on completing these projects before initiating any new construction. Progress is being monitored through quarterly performance reviews to ensure accountability and timely delivery.

(b) Budget and Expenditure:

An amount of R226 million has been allocated during the 2025/26 financial year for the unblocking and completion of the identified housing projects.