



Question 545 for oral reply

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Ms M O Mokause (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

When is she going to intervene and resolve the issues raised by the Mayor of Thembelihle Local Municipality (details furnished), relating to the fact that the specified municipality has not had housing projects for a very long time and that allocations are shifted on a regular basis by both the national and provincial departments in order to frustrate the leadership of the specified municipality? **NO4619E**

REPLY:

On receiving the letter from the Mayor, I instructed my Department to follow up on the matter. I was subsequently advised that the Thembelihle Local Municipality has on several occasions been invited and requested to attend regional meetings with the Provincial Department to discuss project planning and the submission of new project applications, but the Local Municipality has not responded to any such requests. Further, the Municipality has also not submitted business plans for consideration of future projects to the Provincial Department.

However, as part of the current funding allocations made available by my Department to Provinces is an allowance for assistance to be provided to municipalities to develop local municipal human settlements development plans and in the case of the Northern Cape, such assistance was provided to the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, which includes the Thembelihle Local Municipality.

In addition, between 1995 and 2009, six projects in the towns of Steynsville, Deetlefsville, Thamboville, Strydenburg and Hopetown were implemented in the Thembelihle Local municipality totalling 990 housing units. However, since 2009, only one project application was submitted by the municipality and approved by the Provincial Department, namely a project in Strydenburg for 63 erven. This project is currently being implemented.