MINISTRY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO.: 381

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 4 JULY 2014

Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What plans are in place for the revamp of Thokoza Hostel, (b) how much will it cost and (c) when will this plan be implemented?

REPLY

The Thokoza Hostel is situated in the Gauteng Province and falls within the jurisdiction of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality. The hostel comprises of forty one (41) hostel blocks (dormitory type) which were deemed not suitable for human habitation. A decision was then taken that these blocks will be demolished and new buildings will be constructed. As a result of this, the Department appointed the service provider to conduct planning studies in Thokoza Hostel and detailed planning and design studies have subsequently been completed and the service provider is in the process of finalising the business plan.

The hostel will be redeveloped by utilising the complete redevelopment option of the Community Residential Units Program. Three storey buildings containing approximately two thousand six hundred and twenty one (2 621) family units will be constructed in the total development. This project will consist of seven phases and will be implemented in a phased approach over a period of approximately 7 years depending on the availability of funding in subsequent years.
The proposed project plans of the project were communicated to the Thokoza Hostel leadership and community through community facilitation structures and a process of setting up a Project Steering Committee is currently underway.

It is envisaged that the existing residents will be relocated to the Temporary Residential Units (TRU’s) to make way for the demolition and installation of new engineering services. These TRU’s will be placed within the existing hostel area and provided with basic temporal services such as water, sanitation and electricity. The construction of the actual buildings in phase 1 will commence during the 2015/2016 financial year.

(b) The budget allocated for the 2014/2015 financial year amounts to R 65.7 million which will cover the cost for the demolition of existing buildings in phase 1 and the installation of engineering services.

(c) The implementation of phase 1 of the plan will commence during the second quarter of this financial year. This project will be implemented over a period of approximately 7 years subject to the availability of funding.