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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

215. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

How her department plans to (a) formalise and (b) provide services to informal settlements in KwaZulu-Natal, especially in areas that are prone to (i) flooding and/or (ii) other environmental risks? CW305E

REPLY:

(a) The informal settlement upgrading process is composed of three phases and phase two of the informal settlement upgrading includes lay out planning, engineering designs , geotechnical assessments, environmental assessment and SPLUMA approval and combined these processes leads to the formalization of any informal settlements that is being upgraded. The MTDP has mandated the department to upgrade 4075 informal settlements that has been identified through the geo-mapping exercise that has been conducted by the department in the current financial year. Therefore, the plan of the department will be guided by the MTDP

(b) The Informal Settlement Upgrading Partnership Grant has apportioned a portion of the grant to enable municipalities bulk infrastructure, municipal engineering services and interim basic services. The ensures that communities in informal settlements have access to services. To mitigate against any dangers, environmental hazards and the resultants of climate change

the Minister of Human Settlement issued a directive to metropolitan municipalities and provinces to priorities re-blocking of informal settlements, relocation of informal settlements located in disaster prone areas and upgrading of informal settlement