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Ms. N S Du Plessis (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(a) What actions have been taken to address the lack of promulgation of the 1996/7 housing list in Gauteng as this is cited as one of the main reasons for the irregular housing allocation (detailed furnished) and (b) what actions is the Government taking to assist the Gauteng Provincial Executive to address such housing crisis?

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(a) Actions taken to address the lack of promulgation of the 1996/7 housing list in Gauteng:

The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements acknowledges the historical backlog in housing allocation, particularly concerning the 1996/7 housing list. To address this, they have implemented the following actions:

- **Prioritization of 1996-1999 applicants:** The Housing Allocation Policy specifically addresses this backlog in Section 12.2. It mandates that 40% of housing allocations in all departmental projects be reserved for applicants from the

1996-1999 waiting list. This prioritization aims to rectify the long-standing delay in providing housing to these individuals.

- **Development of a Housing Allocation Policy:** The department has formulated a comprehensive Housing Allocation Policy to guide the housing allocation process in Gauteng. This policy promotes transparency, accountability, and fairness in allocating housing, reducing the potential for irregular allocations and ensuring that the backlog is addressed systematically.

Additional Key Actions Include the following:

- Providing clear management guidance on the housing allocation process in Gauteng.
- Recording housing demands within the Gauteng City Region to enhance allocation efficiency.
- Offering effective solutions to challenges related to housing allocations.
- Combating corruption by promoting transparency and accountability among government officials.

(b) Actions taken by the Government to assist the Gauteng Provincial Executive in addressing the housing crisis:

Actions taken to assist the Gauteng Provincial Department include:

- **Funding:** The national government provides funding to provincial governments for housing development and infrastructure. This funding is crucial for Gauteng to implement its housing programs and address the backlog.
- **Policy Framework:** The national government sets the overall policy framework for housing in South Africa. This framework guides provincial governments in developing their housing policies and strategies.

- **Oversight:** The national government oversees the implementation of housing programs by provincial governments, ensuring that funds are used effectively and that housing targets are met.
- **Collaboration:** The national and provincial governments collaborate on various housing initiatives, sharing best practices and coordinating efforts to address the housing crisis.