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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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M Moletsane (Free State Province, EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlement

Whether the minister is aware that the RDP house no: 1823 extension 3, in Villiers Mafube Municipality in the Free State province, was built without a toilet? If so, why was this house built without one when the surrounding houses in the same development are equipped with one? If not, why not?

Reply:

According to information received from the Free State Department of Human Settlements, the provincial department confirms that house number 1823 extension 3 in Villiers in Mafube Municipality was built with no sewer/water network. When this RDP house was built in 1996, together with others in the area (***such as site numbers: 1824, 1825, 1826, 1830 and 1822 – which is now self-built***), their specifications did not have bathrooms or outside flushing toilets. This is because the water & sewer was not installed at the time. It was installed later after the houses were already built.

The house design at that time only consisted of 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and a TV room with no bathrooms inside. The outside flushing toilets were only built in these houses after the sewer network was installed. This means that house number 1823 and others that were built at the same time in extension 3, Villiers, were only provided with outside flushing toilets much later.

Where other houses within the vicinity have bathrooms inside, these would be houses that were built at the time when infrastructure was already in place.