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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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PQ 129. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) TO ASK THE Minister of Human Settlement

What measures has her department put in place to respond to the problem by residents of an informal settlement in the Mbashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape which has been in existence since 1990', but until today, the people who live there have not been given decent houses, instead they are threatened with evictions and forceful removals to a wetland that is located far away from town and economic activities? NW151E

Reply:

The department has made significant strides in providing quality housing to the citizens of the Eastern Cape. However, there were challenges providing housing to all who needed housing due to various challenges including budgetary constraints. In acknowledgement of the challenges of informal settlements as result of rapid urbanisation which has seen people moving to intermediary cities and metropolitan municipalities, the department initiated the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme. The Informal Settlements Upgrading Programme (UISP) is meant to address challenges of informal settlements through insitu upgrading of informal

settlements, securing land for relocation purposes , provision of bulk infrastructure and basic services. In certain circumstances.

Mabhaceni Informal Settlement, which is the Informal Settlement in question is located as it is a Category C Informal Settlement, which cannot be upgraded insitu thus a need for the informal settlement to be relocated to suitable and habitable location. The affected community is being moved to service sites at Zone 14 project that is under development. This to ensure that this community is guaranteed security of tenure on the service sites. This an ongoing project and public engagement is sustained to ensure that communities that are affected are kept informed