



**MINISTRY  
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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**PQ 173. Mr. CJ Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlement**

With refence to the recommendations made by the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlement after it conducted an oversight visit to Stellenbosch and Strand Municipalities, what total number of the specified recommendations (1) being processed and (2) still outstanding? NW217E

**Reply:**

The Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements visited the Stellenbosch Local and City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipalities on 06 December 2024 to address and resolve challenges which were brought to the attention of the Portfolio Committee.

Below are the areas which were deliberated upon, the recommendations by the Portfolio Committee as well as the status of the interventions thereof.

### GHIFF INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

1. Confirm land availability for relocation of the eight (8) community members by Friday, 06 December 2025.	Stellenbosch Municipality indicated that they do not have land available. Confirmation of land is pending permission to occupy from the Department of Public Works.
2. Confirm the availability of the temporary Structures for the eight (8) Community Members.	
3. Relocate the eight (8) community members by next week (13 December 2024) and demolish the remaining structures afterwards.	Relocation of the eight households has not commenced and pending land availability as well as TRUs.
4. The National Department should intervene and assist the Province and Municipality with Land release in Lamonte (Land owned by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure).	Stellenbosch Municipality was to forward a letter to the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) by Tuesday 11 February 2025 to request permission to occupy and use the DPWI owned land for residential purposes, a process the NDHS would support.

### SLAB TOWN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

1. Develop a strategy to prevent land invasions working with law enforcement agencies.	In a meeting held on 07 February 2025, Stellenbosch Municipality committed to develop a draft strategy to prevent land invasions working with law enforcement agencies. The draft is expected to be shared by 28 February 2025.
2. Improve Community engagements to address relocation resistance.	Improvement of community engagements is in progress and will be inserted as part of the draft strategy.
3. Update and maintain community member database to curb in-migration and overcrowding.	Updating and maintaining community member database to curb in-migration and overcrowding is in progress and to also be further outlined in the draft strategy.
4. Clean up the area by Friday, 06 December 2024 to prevent transmission of infectious diseases.	This item has been fully implemented. The Slab Town area was cleaned and a cleaning schedule can be availed.

<b>KHAYAMANDI HOSTEL</b>	
1. Prioritise asbestos removal and submit a progress report by June 2025.	Asbestos removal process in progress and at SCM stage. Progress report to be shared by Stellenbosch Municipality by the end of February 2025.
2. Demolish ten (10) remaining hostels and replace them within the current financial year.	Demolition of ten out remaining hostels is in progress. Tender process to demolish and replace hostels in progress and would be concluded by June 2025.

<b>MASINCEDANE PHP STRAND</b>	
1. The Provincial Department Province should submit a six-month acceleration plan for the remaining 24 approved beneficiaries within two weeks.	14 verified and approved beneficiaries of the Masincedane PHP would receive housing assistance. The project approval allowed for an additional 24 beneficiaries, provided they had an approved plot. Following consultation with the PSC and Councillor, it was confirmed that only the initial 14 approved beneficiaries will receive housing opportunities.
2. The Provincial Department should fast-track the completion of declaration forms of the 14 beneficiaries by Friday, 06 December 2024.	On December 6, 2024, the Department of Infrastructure facilitated a session to assist Strand beneficiaries in completing building plan declaration forms. The beneficiary list and attendance register can be availed upon request.
3. The Provincial Department should submit an accountability report, including expenditure for the remaining 24 approved beneficiaries.	The Provincial Department requests an opportunity to consolidate a full report which includes financial and progress reports for the approved beneficiaries of Masincedane, including the 14 beneficiaries in question. The Department is requesting to provide a consolidated report in due course.
4. The National Department of Human Settlements will write a letter to the Provincial Department of Western Cape MEC and HOD with regards to dissolution of units and implementation plan.	Communication between the National Department of Human Settlements and the Provincial Department of Infrastructure still in progress.
5. The Provincial Department should submit a compliance report indicating who was involved and what consequence management has been undertaken on the failure to complete the project.	The Department is requests an opportunity to consolidate a full report which includes financial and progress reports for the approved beneficiaries of Masincedane, including the 14 beneficiaries in question. The Department is requesting to provide a consolidated report in due course.

6. The Provincial Department should assist dependents of deceased beneficiaries in applying for Power of Attorney (POA) for the sites to be registered in their names.

The Department received Power of Attorney for the two beneficiaries who were related to the deceased as replacements. However, the Department needed to verify the persons to whom the title deed was transferred to determine if they qualified for a housing subsidy opportunity. Once approved, the Department would make provision to build their houses. It should be noted that the verification process was anticipated to be concluded in February 2025.