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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

353. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

In light of the devastating fire breakouts in informal settlements nationwide over the festive season, what (a) total number of informal structures have burned down in each province from 1 September 2024 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b)(i) assistance, financial or otherwise, has been provided by her department to the affected households and (ii) total number of households have received the specified assistance to date?
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REPLY:

The Housing Code of 2009 mandates the Department of Human Settlements to intervene in situations where households are rendered homeless by disaster incidences . The department in line with this mandate, has intervene in rendering services in Informal Settlements that were affected by shack fires in various provinces. Below is the detail of interventions and financial implications that were undertaken by the department in different provinces.

Number of informal structures burned down as from 01 September 2024 till currently						
	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Eastern Cape	0`	22	0	44	48	47
Free State	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	13	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	177	329	19	72	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	0	1	0
North-West	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Cape	127	72	65	692	852	280
Total	127	271	394	768	973	R327

B(1) assistance , financial or otherwise then

Financial implications of informal structures provided as from 01 September 2024 till currently						
	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Eastern Cape	R0	R287 277	R0	R591 954	R689 366	R0 (yet to be delivered)
Free State	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
Gauteng	R0	R0	R0	R175 110	R0	R0

KwaZulu-Natal	R	R2 124 000	R2 124 000	R228 000	R615 873	R0
Limpopo	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
Mpumalanga	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
Northern Cape	R0	R0	R0	R0	R14 500	R0
North-West	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0	R0
Western Cape	R1 565 718	R864 000	R924 170	R9 032 966	R4 716 308	(Some yet to be delivered)
Total	R3 689 718	R3 275 277	R3 048 170	R10 028 030	R6 036 047	No Payments yet

(ii) The total number of households who have received specified assistance to date are 2 860 across all 9 provinces in the 2024/25 financial year to date.

Intervention	Number of households	Cost implications
Building materials	5454	R99 503 856.32