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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**QUESTION:**

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

With reference to the briefing of the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements on 13 November 2024, wherein it was reported that there is still a massive backlog for unissued title deeds, what (a) total number of title deeds have been issued to date and (b) is the proposed timeframe to resolve the backlog issue? NW384E

**REPLY:**

a) At the start of the Title Deeds Campaign in October 2023 the human settlements sector after making detailed enquiries with provinces, had 95 638 title deeds in municipal and provincial offices, to be issued. To date 65 952 of these have been issued to beneficiaries. the success rate is therefore 69% over a period of sixteen (16) months.

b) Despite the Title Deed Restoration Project being an ongoing initiative of government, it is important to note that the backlog is not on the title deeds that have been registered and ready to be issued to beneficiaries because this is addressed through the Title Deeds Friday campaign. However, the backlog is due to title deed that cannot be registered due to outstanding planning and compliance issues that were not adhered to by provinces and metros during the construction of houses. These

blockages consist of houses that were built on unproclaimed land, houses that were built where there is no bulk infrastructure, houses that were sold illegally, disputes between family members, untraceable beneficiaries and houses that were rented out and currently occupied by tenants. Therefore, between 2025-2030, the National Department of Human Settlements intends to unlock 368 000 title deeds that are blocked due to incomplete NEMA and SPLUMA requirements, through the Operation Vulindlela programme. To achieve this, the department has written letters to CoGTA, DFFE and DoL requesting them to waive SPLUMA requirements because the townships in question are already developed and most of the bulk infrastructure (roads, sanitation, water and electricity) has been installed.