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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

5674. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

(1) Whether her department has any oversight role over the Temporary Relocation Units (TRU) programme in the Western Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

(2) whether she has requested a full forensic audit of the TRU programme in the Western Cape, given allegations that recycled and unsafe structures have been procured at inflated prices; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

1. The Department not only implements Emergency Housing interventions through Temporary Residential Units (TRUs), but also exercises oversight over the TRUs constructed. This oversight includes post-construction inspections for quality assurance, followed by a verification process prior to payment. In instances where structural defects are identified, service providers are not paid, and intended beneficiaries are not moved in until all defects are fully rectified within a stipulated period.

2. The Department has not requested a full forensic audit on the TRU programme in the Western Cape. However, we continue to strengthen internal controls and implement measures aimed at mitigating risks of maladministration or misuse of funds, particularly given the scale and urgency of government interventions following disaster incidents.

The Member is encouraged to provide specific details to enable the Department to attend to the matter raised.