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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

6048. Mr M Segede (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Given that the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, launched the R1 billion rand housing project in Kimberly in the Northern Cape in January 2024, (a) what is the reason for the delay of the specified project and (b) by what date is the project due to be completed? NW6775E

REPLY:

The information provided below is based on the report received from the Northern Cape Provincial Department of COGHSTA.

a) Reasons for the delay in the R1 Billion housing project

The province has indicated that the delay in the completion of the R1 billion-rand housing project in Kimberley has been primarily attributed to the suboptimal performance by contractors.

Specific causes of delay

The poor performance stemmed from several issues experienced by the appointed contractors:

- a. Cashflow constraints: All contractors have experienced cashflow difficulties.
- b. Schedule non-compliance: Due to these constraints and performance issues, all contractors are behind schedule relative to their original construction programmes.

Departmental action taken

To address the delays and expedite progress, the department has taken the following corrective measures:

- Contract terminations/withdrawals: The department terminated three contractors. Additionally, two contractors voluntarily withdrew from their projects.
- New appointments: Four new contractors have subsequently been appointed to replace those who left or were terminated.
- Compliance notices: The remaining contractors who are still on the project have been issued notices to ensure compliance with revised construction programmes.

The department's priority is to ensure quality service.

b) The province has indicated that the project is expected to reach completion by the end of the 2026/27 financial year. The National Department will review these plans to verify if indeed the project will reach completion stage by the indicated timeline.