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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

6549. Mr R A P Trollip (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

Whether she has been informed of the current situation of a certain person (name and details furnished), a resident of the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, who lives with a disabled daughter (name and details furnished) who suffers from Blount's disease, and who has been promised a special housing allocation repeatedly since 1994, yet continues to live in inhumane conditions in Duncan Village in the Eastern Cape; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps has her department taken to address the specified matter and (b) by what date can the specified persons expect the formal fulfilment of the commitments made to them regarding the special housing allocation, as publicly promised by certain persons (names and details furnished) during a public meeting held in Gompo Hall in East London before the last national elections in March 2024 and officially acknowledged by an official (name furnished) from the specified municipality? NW7323E

REPLY:

The Buffalo City Metro has made me aware, following this Parliamentary question, of the circumstances of Mrs Nonzame Blanket, a resident of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, who lives with her daughter, Inga Simohlule, who is disabled and suffers from Blount's disease.

Mrs Blanket has been registered on the National Housing Needs Register (NHNR) since 1 June 1995 and was approved on the Housing Subsidy System on 15 June 2011 under the Reeston 3/2 (840) Housing Project, which forms part of a larger 2,500-unit programme.

(a) To address her housing need, the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality has allocated Mrs Blanket Site Number 70023 within the Reeston 3/2 (840) Housing Project. A contractor is currently on site and constructing RDP houses, including the unit allocated to Mrs Blanket.

(b) Based on the current construction schedule, and assuming there are no unforeseen disruptions such as adverse weather conditions, community protests, or illegal land invasions, the house allocated to Mrs Blanket is anticipated to be completed before the December 2025 construction shutdown. This timeline reflects the Department's efforts to fulfil the commitments made to her during the public engagements held at Gompo Hall before the May 2024 national elections, as acknowledged by the relevant municipal officials.