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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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QUESTION:

5108. Mr C J Poole (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:

- (1) What are the reasons behind the discrepancies of backlogged government subsidised properties between the Surveyor-General and deeds office data;
 - (2) whether her department maintains its own database of government subsidised properties (a) built and (b) to be built; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
 - (3) what total number of government subsidised properties has been transferred from the 78 658 specified properties that were in the deeds office data in March 2025?
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REPLY:

1. The Deeds Office data refers to government-owned residential properties where an organ of state is reflected as the registered owner. These properties are required to be transferred to individual beneficiaries. The Surveyor-General data relates to land parcels that have not yet been proclaimed and therefore require township proclamation before individual transfers can be effected.

2. a) The Department maintains the Housing Subsidy System (HSS), which records the delivery of state-subsidised properties post-1994.

b) The Department of Human Settlements also maintains the National Housing Demand Database (NHDD), which reflects the housing demand.

3. None of the 78,658 specified properties have been transferred to date, as National Treasury did not approve the ring-fenced financial provisions that had been made for this purpose.