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Hon M Twabu
Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements:
Eastern Cape Provincial Government

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Dear Hon Twabu

RE: UNFINISHED AND ABANDONED PROJECTS IN EASTERN CAPE

I write this communique to express shock at a revelation that the department of human settlements has spent up to date a whopping R622 million on 25 projects that are either abandoned or unfinished across the province. This was revealed in a reply to a written question I asked the department in IQP 26 question 638.

The reasons given were either the contracts have expired, problems with beneficiary management issues, underperformance of contractors, a lack of proper planning by municipalities/ the department and unavailability of bulk infrastructure.

Out of the 9413 units that were supposed to be built only 4243 were actually built across all these 25 projects. What perturbed me the most is that there seems to be no consequence management processes in place to curb this problem despite the ongoing challenges of provision of decent houses for the poor.

I therefore urge you to include this matter in one of the committee meetings for further interrogation and discussions. I will also implore on the committee to invite the department to come and account on the action plans of how these projects will be finalised including the timeframes and budgeting.

Your further advice on how this matter can be handled and processed would be most welcomed.

I have also attached the IQP reply for ease of reference and perusal

Your prompt response in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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