



## human settlements

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The Secretary  
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Dear Madam,

### WRITTEN REPLY

**No. 118/2020      Mr L M Meyer (DA) to ask the MEC for Human Settlements & Public Works:**

With regards to the 190 houses that have been planned for the Hillside Development in the uMgeni Municipality near Nottingham Road since 2000.

1. Why has the development been stalled;

**Response:**

**The project was presented to the Technical Evaluation Committee in July 2018, and was referred back due to land being privately owned. It was recommended that the Municipality acquires the land prior to the project being considered for Stage 1 approval.**

2. What are the budget implications due to this delay if any;

**Response:**

**Since the project was not recommended for approval it is not in Department's business plan, it is only in the pipeline.**

3. When will the issues affecting the start of the development be resolved;

**Response :**

**The Municipality had resolved to commit funds for the acquisition of the land. Once a sale agreement is signed, the Department will reconsider the submission for funding approval.**

4. When will the project be completed;

**Response:**

**The timeline will depend on how soon the land issues are resolved.**

5. How many houses will be built;

**Response:**

**The proposed yield is 152 units.**

6. What is the total budget allocated for the project;

**Response:**

**Projects are approved in stages, and stage 1 of the project currently amounts to R532 946.96.**

7. (a) Does a list of beneficiaries exist;

**Response:**

**Beneficiaries have not been signed up**

- (b) If yes, where can this be obtained;

**Response:**

**Not applicable.**

- (c) If no, who are the intended beneficiaries;

**Response:**

**The intended beneficiaries are the people who currently reside in an informal settlement located on Nottingham Road.**

8. (a) Will the residents of the Transnet Informal Settlement located near the Nottingham Road train station be accommodated in the Hillside Development;

**Response:**

**The people residing in this settlement will be prioritized in this development.**

- (b) If not, when will these residents be provided with houses; and

**Response:**

**Not applicable**

- (c) By when?

**Response:**

**The timeline will depend on how soon the land issues are resolved.**

Yours Sincerely

  
Mr. MOS Zungu

HOD: KZN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Date: 7/7/2020

  
Ms NP Nkonyeni (MPL)

MEC : KZN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Date: 08/07/2020