



## KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
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Dear Madam

#### No. 06/2023 Ms M Nair (DA) to ask the MEC for Public Works and Human Settlements:

1. Is the Department of Human Settlements or the Municipality's water and sanitation responsible for the enormous sewer repairs to Landsdowne;
2. Which contractor has been carrying out repairs recently;
3. How much has been spent on repairs to Landsdowne thus far;
4. Is Landsdowne a rectification project or are all the work being carried out, just repairs;
5. Residents refuse to pay rent because they are unhappy with the repairs, is this correct;
6. Since these residents have been struggling with housing issues for more than 30 years will the Landsdowne project become a rectification project;
7. If yes to Q14, how much funding will be set aside to rectify the flats and when will work begin;
8. If NO to Q 14, why not and what alternative plans are there to address the inhumane living conditions of the people of Landsdowne;
9. Will these residents receive title deeds/take ownership of the flats once the failing infrastructure has been rectified;
10. If NO to Q17, then why not;
11. Will the MEC visit the people of Landsdowne and perform oversight to see first-hand the living conditions of the people and listen to their complaints; and
12. If NO to Q19, then why not?

#### QUESTION 1

Is the Department of Human Settlements or the Municipality's water and sanitation responsible for the enormous sewer repairs to Landsdowne?

#### RESPONSE 1

The eThekweni Water and Sanitation Unit is responsible for sewer repairs in Lansdowne.

#### QUESTION 2

Which contractor has been carrying out repairs recently?

#### RESPONSE 2

Various contractors

#### QUESTION 3

How much has been spent on repairs to Landsdowne thus far?



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### RESPONSE 3

The amount spent is estimated at R150 000 annually. The correct report could not be drawn out of the system due to network problems as a result of load shedding. However, the report will follow, once available.

### QUESTION 4

Is Landsdowne a rectification project or are all the work being carried out, just repairs?

### RESPONSE 4

Yes. Emanating from the NHBRC report, there were some items of rectification that were identified for repairs. As a result, a letter was written to KZN Department of Human Settlements requesting funding in that regard.

### QUESTION 5

Residents refuse to pay rent because they are unhappy with the repairs, is this correct?

### RESPONSE 5

Yes, but residents have never been happy with the project from the 1<sup>st</sup> day when they moved in. Refer to the Question No 2 of 05/2023 above.

### QUESTION 6

Since these residents have been struggling with housing issues for more than 30 years will the Landsdowne project become a rectification project?

### RESPONSE 6

Yes, following the recommendations of the NHBRC report.

### QUESTION 7

If yes to Q14, how much funding will be set aside to rectify the flats and when will work begin/

### RESPONSE 7

To be determined by the quantities of the engineering report once an updated assessment is done.

### QUESTION 8

If NO to Q 14, why not and what alternative plans are there to address the inhumane living conditions of the people of Landsdowne?

### RESPONSE 8

N/A

### QUESTION 9

Will these residents receive title deeds/take ownership of the flats once the failing infrastructure has been rectified?

### RESPONSE 9

Yes, they should receive their title deeds once all infrastructural issues are resolved. However, residents have refused to take ownership of their current properties and demand that they be relocated to freehold structures.



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### QUESTION 10

If NO to Q17, then why not?

### RESPONSE 10

N/A

### QUESTION 11

Will the MEC visit the people of Landsdowne and perform oversight to see first-hand the living conditions of the people and listen to their complaints?

### RESPONSE 11

Yes

### QUESTION 12

If NO to Q19, then why not?

### RESPONSE 12

N/A

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