

**Reply to question in the Free State Legislature:**

**Hon. R Jankielsohn (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for COGTA&HS: Mr. K Makume.**

In view of the allocation of unserviced sites to families prior to the previous LGE to Extension 5 Phomolong at Winburg in Masilonyana Municipality:

Does the municipality have any plans to ensure that the residents of that area receive (a) water, (b) electricity, (c) sanitation, (d) housing and (e) road? If not, (i) why not and (ii) why were they encouraged to move there? If so, what are the time frames and plans in each respective service mentioned?

**RESPONSE 16/11/2023**

(a)-(e) The Department of Human Settlements through the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme Grant funded the municipality for the Township Establishment process for which the Proclamation in terms of Section 46(3) of the Deeds Registration Act 47 of 1937 on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023. On the 05 July 2023 the Department of Human Settlements wrote a letter to the Municipality informing them of the approval of the business plan that will address the installation of internal services for sewer and water and roads. A service provider has been appointed and geotechnical assessments in relation to the above is underway. Furthermore, the Department of Minerals and Energy through has also approved the electrification of 540 stands to cater for the newly proclaimed township designs have been approved