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Dear Honourable Mosupyoe

**RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION FOR THE LEGISLATURE 5. HS022  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TABLED BY MEMBER MH  
CIROTA OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

With regards to unfinished housing projects, could the MEC please:

Question (i)

Provide a comprehensive list of all unfinished housing projects currently on record in Gauteng.

**Response:** A project list of blocked projects is attached as Annexure A

**Table 1 : Number of Blocked projects summary**

Region	Number of projects
Ekurhuleni	6
Tshwane	6
Joburg	22
West Rand	4
Sedibeng	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>

Question (ii)

What was the initial approved budget for each of these unfinished housing projects at the time of their inception.

**Response:**

The initial total approved budget for the 45 projects is a total of R6 672 147 630,61 for various outputs.

**Question (iii)**

**Could you please share the legal documentation, including contracts and land use agreements, for each of the unfinished housing projects in Gauteng;?**

**Response:**

The Department is unable to provide the initial documents as requested due to the fact that, these were hard copies and were lost at the Departments Bank of Lisbon building that burnt down.

**Question (iv)**

**What were the original projected timelines for each unfinished housing project in Gauteng, including their initial start dates and expected completion dates;**

**Response:**

From the list of projects, the earliest start date was 2008 and were expected to be completed per phase subject to readiness and project performance per financial year.

**Question (v)**

**How many housing projects in Gauteng have been abandoned or indefinitely suspended since their initial approval.**

**Response:**

The Department has on record 45 blocked projects. These projects were blocked due to various reasons as provided in question vi below.

**Question (vi)**

**For each abandoned or suspended housing project in Gauteng, what were the primary reasons for discontinuation; and**

**Response:**

- Poor contractor performance resulted in termination of contracts
- Former Community Builder Programmes and Peoples Housing Process that were not supplemented with skills upliftment for community builders
- Incubator Programme contractors suffered poor contract and financial management
- Programs discontinued i.e., PHP, backyard rental, steel houses while houses were not yet completed.

**Question (vii)**

**Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the total amount spent on each unfinished housing project in Gauteng from its inception to the present date?**

**Response:**

- The department is unable to provide the budget that was spent at the time the projects were blocked as the financial report were burnt in the fire at the Bank of Lisbon that burnt down.
- It should be noted that a structural assessment was conducted of 8 986 units at a cost of R18 million to establish the extent of work that should be done and related costs. In addition, construction designs for 126 units in preparation for construction work on designs is continuing.



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