



**GAUTENG PROVINCE**

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**Honourable Morakane Mosupyoe  
Speaker: Gauteng Provincial Legislature  
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Dear Honourable Mosupyoe

**RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. HS013 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TABLED BY MR M CIROTA OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE.**

With regard to title deeds, could the MEC please indicate:

**Question (i)**

How many title deeds have been issued in the last five years to date:

**Response:**

32 002

**Question (ii)**

What is the backlog on issuing title deeds in the province:

**Response:**

Estimated at 166 000 (post 1994 / RDPs) and 12 000 (pre-1994).

**Question (iii)**

What causes the backlog, and what is the department doing to ensure that it is mitigated:

**Response:**

Main causes:

- Outstanding town planning milestones: Some of the completed / allocated houses where title deeds have not been registered are in un-formalised townships (where further work needs to be completed including approval of general plans, opening of

the townships registers, approval of sub-divisional diagrams, land availability / land donation agreements, overall adherence to conditions of townships establishment etc).

- Unlawful occupations: Houses occupied by irregular individuals – not approved on HSS.

**Possible mitigation:**

- GDHS has engaged the local authorities to consider waiving some of the requirements (where possible) to allow the registrations with the understanding that the outstanding works would be funded and completed at a later stage.
- GDHS approved the Regularisation Policy in October 2022 to attend to occupants that do not have approved housing subsidies. However, the Policy must be adopted by NDHS. The NDHS has sent the proposal to the State Law Advisor for consideration, and it is planned that it would be discussed at the MINMEC.

**Question (iv)**

**Number of title deeds that are ready and waiting to be handed out to the residents:**

**Response:**

3 372

**Question (v)**

**How much has the department spent in the past five years to date on contracting companies for title deeds:**

**Response:**

R66,244,140.00 excluding ancillary services such as township formalisation processes, dispute resolution, application for lost or damaged titles, advertisement for new claims and missing beneficiaries.

**Question (vi)**

**What is the number of housing units or houses that do not have title deeds in the province?**

**Response:**

Please see response (ii) above.



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