QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

NAME OF MEMBER PUTTING THE QUESTION: HON. H. LIDGETT

QUESTION ADDRESSED TO: COGTA

DATE: 27 August 2025

QUESTIONS:

In light of the commencement of the National Climate Change Act, 2025, and the growing climate-related risks faced by KwaZulu-Natal, I request that the following information be provided:

1. a. What measures have been undertaken by your department to prepare municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal to conduct the initial climate change needs and response assessments required within one year of the publication of the National Adaptation Strategy and Plan (NASP)?

b. Have technical guidelines, workshops, or training programmes been developed and delivered to municipal officials to ensure readiness?

c. Please provide details of any frameworks, standardised tools, or methodologies that have been issued to municipalities to guide these assessments.

2. a. What steps are being taken to support municipalities in preparing their climate change response implementation plans, which must be finalised within two years following the publication of the NASP?

b. Have timelines been communicated to municipalities for meeting these statutory obligations?

c. What mechanisms are in place to monitor municipal compliance with the Act’s requirements?

3.a What financial, technical, and human resources have been allocated by the provincial government to assist municipalities in fulfilling these obligations?

b. Has the province provided or secured additional funding to support municipalities with capacity constraints?

4.a How is the province coordinating risk mapping, disaster management strategies, and early-warning systems with municipalities to strengthen climate resilience?

b. Have data systems been upgraded or developed to ensure accurate, centralised tracking of climate-related risks and municipal preparedness?

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER GIVING QUESTION

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