



TO : HANSARD AND HOUSE BUSINESS
FROM : MEC FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 657 OF IQP 23 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

657. Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

With reference to the responsibility of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM) to maintain its infrastructure assets and noting the reported deterioration of infrastructure in the metro:

QUESTION(S)	RESPONSE(S)		
1. Whether he can kindly provide the total amount budgeted for infrastructure maintenance and repairs by the NMBMM for each of the (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24, (iii) 2024/25 and (iv) 2025 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	i. 2022/23 = R 361,294,270 ii. 2023/24 = R 445,685,340.00 iii. 2024/25 = R 497,158,930 iv. 2025/26 = R 546,223,080		
2. of the amounts budgeted in (1) above, how much was actually spent in each respective financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	i. 2022/23 = R 330,950,129.88 ii. 2023/24 = R 339,542,019.32 iii. 2024/25 = R 344,628,720 iv. 2025/26 = Nil		
3. whether the municipality differentiates in its budgeting and expenditure between (a) preventative maintenance and (b) rehabilitative (corrective) maintenance; if so, can he kindly provide the total allocated and spent on each category in each of the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	Year	Corrective	Preventive
	2023		
	Budget	348,718,770	12,575,500
	Actual	325,480,643	5,469,487
	2024		
	Budget	438,834,430	6,850,910
	Actual	337,193,796	2,348,223
	2025		
	Budget	466,531,450	30,627,480
	Actual	344,306,705	322,015
	2026		
	Budget	540,907,370	5,315,710
4. whether he can kindly provide a breakdown of maintenance expenditure by asset category, including but not limited to (a) roads, (b) water infrastructure, (c) sanitation infrastructure, (d) electricity infrastructure and (e) public buildings for each of the	Refer to Annexure A.		

financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	
5. whether there are any underspending trends that his Department has observed with regard to NMBMM's infrastructure maintenance votes; if so, what reasons has the municipality provided for such underspending;	<p>The budgeted amounts for infrastructure maintenance have historically not been utilised in full. The department understands that the funds are meant for both planned and unplanned maintenance, which could consequently result in the misalignments between the budgeted amounts and the actual expenditures. However, the disparities for the 2024/25 financial year are huge hence the department as part of RAS support shall also consider looking at the funds allocated for maintenance.</p> <p>More information has been requested from the municipality on the reasons for underspending</p>
6. whether his Department has raised any concerns or issued any warnings to the NMBMM regarding inadequate maintenance expenditure or poor infrastructure condition; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant correspondence and recommendations;	The Department has conducted Risk Adjusted Strategy (RAS) workshops with NMBM, senior officials and councillors with the aim of improving infrastructure grants spending together with maintenance prioritisation.
7. whether his Department has conducted any infrastructure audits or condition assessments in the NMBMM during the financial years mentioned above; if so, can he kindly provide the key findings and recommendations arising from such assessments;	<p>(a) NMBM is one of the non-delegated municipalities meaning it reports straight to National Treasury (NT). This makes it difficult for CoGTA to monitor, conduct any infrastructure audits or condition assessments as the municipality is reporting directly to NT.</p> <p>(b) The department engages the municipality when needs arise or if there are issues raised by the NT.</p> <p>(c) As stated in (a) above, the department does not conduct any infrastructure audits or condition assessments and as such there are no findings to report in this regard.</p>
8. whether the NMBMM has reported any maintenance backlogs during the above-mentioned financial years; if so, what is the estimated value and scope of such backlogs, per infrastructure category;	NMBM has not been requested to report maintenance backlogs to any other national / provincial department.

<p>9. what interventions, if any, his Department anticipates will be implemented towards supporting the NMBMM in improving infrastructure maintenance budgeting, planning and execution, particularly in respect of ensuring sustainability and reliability of basic municipal services?</p>	<p>The Department has conducted Risk Adjusted Strategy (RAS) workshops with NMBM, senior officials and councillors with the aim of improving infrastructure grants spending together with maintenance prioritisation.</p> <p>The RAS Working Group has since been established and monthly meetings are held to track performance on grants expenditure and associated plans.</p>
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