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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
2. *Indicates a question for oral reply.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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812. Ms C King to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:

In pursuance to a response to Question 598 of IQP 21 dated Friday, 20 June 2025 wherein the department noted 13 reported cases involving defaulting contractors, further noting that among these, Umzimvubu Local Municipality is specifically listed as a defaulting implementation agent in relation to the following housing projects: Dundee 500 (34 units), Nkungwini 300 (39 units), Chancele 30, Nguse 300 (123 units), Ngalweni/Matyeeni 170 (163 units), Qadu 250 (160 units) and Xhameni 210 (150 units) and further noting that the combined contract value of these projects amounts to R94,113,112.91:

Questions	Responses
(1) In pursuance of Umzimvubu Local Municipality, (a) how much of this amount has been (i) irregularly spent, (ii) lost and/or (iii) deemed wasteful expenditure to date and (b) what portion, if any, has been recovered to date;	(a) Currently (i) No irregular expenditure has been reported (ii) No loses have been reported (iii) No wasteful expenditure has been reported (b) No recoveries were applicable
(2) whether she can kindly provide an update on the delivery status of the housing units across the seven projects, including how many units have been completed to date, per project;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dundee 500 (34 units) - 0 units delivered, only inception, planning and designs has been achieved. • Nkungwini 300 (39 units) - 0 units delivered, only inception, planning and designs has been achieved. • Chancele 30 - 0 units delivered, no inception, planning and designs achieved. • Nguse 300 (123 units) - 0 units delivered, only inception, planning and designs has been achieved. • Ngalweni/Matyeni 170 (163 units) – 74 units delivered so far, and the contractor is currently on site performing well. • Qadu 250 (160 units) - 0 units delivered, only inception, planning and designs has been achieved. • Xhameni 210 (50 units) - 0 units delivered, no inception, planning and designs achieved.
(3) given the status of the affected projects, (a) what interventions, if any, has her Department implemented towards (i) reassigning, (ii) completing or (iii) resuscitating these housing developments and (b) what are the anticipated completion dates for each project;	(i) The department has terminated the contract between itself and Umzimvubu LM on 6 nonperforming contracts and will be taking over the projects, (ii) The department will appoint replacement contractors after following due SCM processes for completion of these projects during 27/28 Financial Year, (iii) As per (ii) above (b) As per (ii) above
(4) whether she can kindly confirm if her Department has conducted a comprehensive audit of all projects implemented by Umzimvubu Local Municipality in its capacity as implementing agent since 2019; if so, (a) what were the key	The municipality was appointed in 2021 to perform the IA functions. (i) No Audit conducted and therefore no findings (ii) No Audit conducted and therefore no findings (iii) No Audit conducted and therefore no findings

findings and recommendations of that audit and (b) whether the municipality has been (i) suspended, (ii) blacklisted or (iii) removed from acting as an implementing agent in any current or future projects;	Department is performing oversight and monitoring performance of Implementing agent, regular accountability sessions are attended with Implementing Agents as part of monitoring & evaluation of performance.
(5) with consideration of her Department's persistent housing backlogs and on-going service delivery protests, (a) how many beneficiaries have been affected by delays in these seven projects and (b) what interim support, if any, has been provided to these communities, to date?	(a) 436 beneficiaries from 6 projects are affected (b) Some of the severe destitute beneficiaries have been provided with temporal shelters while waiting for the permanent solution