



GAUTENG PROVINCE

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
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**Honourable Morakane Mosupyoe
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Dear Honourable Mosupyoe

**RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. HS064 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TABLED BY MEMBER M.H CIROTA OF THE
DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)**

Regarding the Khutsong hostel, could the MEC please indicate:

Question (i)

**Why has the Khutsong hostel not been included in the official Hostel
Redevelopment Programme despite the substantial allocation;**

Response:

Khutsong Hostel has been part of the priority projects since 2020/21 financial year. Its prioritization led to the Department undertaking detailed planning for Khutsong Extension 8 land for the development of 10000 units. This planning work could not be completed because the Municipality delayed with township proclamation.

Question (ii)

**Were any contractors or service providers appointed for the Khutsong hostel
upgrade;**

Response:

A professional resource team was appointed to undertake detailed planning for the Khutsong Extension 8 land parcel with the intention of providing a permanent solution to the situation in Khutsong Hostel

Question (iii)

**If so, please provide their names, funding for each contractor or service provider
and the scope of their work;**

Response:

The name of the professional resource team was ETL Engineers. The planning work that they were appointed for detailed planning for 10000 units at about R80 000.00. No contractor was appointed.

Question (iv)

For all specific milestones achieved, provide a detailed breakdown of how the R161 million allocated for the Khutsong hostel upgrades has been spent to date;

Response:

The Department has never allocated R161 million for Khutsong Hostel upgrades. The allocation that was made was for detailed planning of Khutsong Extension 8 where hostel residents were going to be relocated to once houses have been built. The professional team did about 80% of planning work with all approvals granted. Finalizing planning work could not continue due to the delays by the Municipality in approving the township application

Question (v)

If contractors or service providers have not been appointed, how does the Department plan to relocate the residents;

Response:

Currently there are no plans to relocate hostel residents to Khutsong Extension 8 Project as it could not continue

Question (vi)

What immediate steps is the department taking to address the living conditions of Khutsong hostel residents now that the funds have not translated into progress;

Response:

The Department has been engaging with all Municipalities, through IGR, on the issue of ensuring that they provide necessary maintenance and deliver services to their hostels. Khutsong Hostel is owned by the Merafong Local Municipality, and it is the responsibility of the Municipality to provide basic services.

Question (vii)

If an independent audit or investigation has been conducted into the utilization of the funds allocated for the Khutsong hostel, what were its finding;

Response:

The Department is not aware of an independent investigation conducted into the utilisation of funds allocated for the Khutsong Hostel.

Question (viii)

How will the department prevent similar mismanagement or neglect in other hostel upgrade projects going forward; and

Response:

Not applicable.

Question (ix)

Why have these units not been converted to family units as promised, and in terms of Hostel Redevelopment Plan?

Response:

The Khutsong Hostel is located on a highly dolomitic area. Such state of affairs warranted that hostel residents be moved to houses that would have been built on a more safer land parcel. This informed the planning that was done on Khutsong Extension 8 land as an alternative



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