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To: Hon. Siphokazi Lusithi  
MEC. Human Settlements and Infrastructure.

**Re: Request for urgent timeline intervention plan for the Military Veterans Housing Programme.**

Hon. Lusithi, I write to you on behalf of the Democratic Alliance in the Eastern Cape regarding the ongoing failure of the Military Veterans Housing Programme.

As we approach Freedom Day, a day on which we commemorate the sacrifices made by military veterans and freedom fighters in securing our democracy, it is deeply concerning that many of these individuals continue to be denied access to dignified housing. This reality stands in stark contradiction to the values and freedoms for which they fought.

It is unacceptable that over the past five years only 78 houses have been delivered to qualifying military veterans.

As you are aware during yesterday's Human Settlements legislature committee meeting, Mr. Venn committed that qualifying military veterans will receive their houses by end of September this year. Considering the department's track record, this target raises significant concerns regarding feasibility and execution.

In light of the above, I hereby formally request that your office provide a comprehensive timeline intervention plan outlining how the department of Human Settlements intends to accelerate delivery and meet this commitment.

The intervention plan should clearly stipulate timeframes, completion of construction and municipalities readiness to offer bulk infrastructure as well as a title deeds handover, indicating a move closer to the closure of this programme.

Such an intervention plan is critical to ensure that the programme is brought to completion within the stated timeframe and that military veterans are afforded the dignity and recognition they deserve.

I look forward to see the realisation of this intervention plan.

