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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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Questions for Written Replies

273. Hon. D Leech (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for PW&I: Ms. D Mance.

In view of reports that government-owned residential properties are allegedly being occupied unlawfully:

1. Is the suspended Executive Mayor of Twelopele, Ms. Phukuntse, currently occupying the government-owned residence at 4 Cooper Street?
2. If so, under what authority is she permitted to continue occupying the property following her suspension?
3. Is any other person residing at the property and, if so, under what authority?
4. Has the Department investigated whether the continued occupation of the property complies with all applicable legislation, policies, and departmental regulations? If not, why not?
5. If any irregular occupation is found, what remedial action will the Department take, against whom, and by when?
6. Has the Department received any instruction or request from the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure to investigate the occupation of government-owned residential properties? If so, when and what steps have been taken in this regard?

RESPONSE

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1. Yes she is still occupying
2. The suspended Mayor was not occupying the property by virtue of her position as Mayor. 3. According to the verification conducted she was alone
4. Yes the Department is in the process of regularising.
5. The Department will follow the legislative and regulatory process, against the occupants, within six month subjects to obtaining relevant approval from the Executive Authority
6. Officially the Department has not received it.