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DEAR DIRECTOR-GENERAL

**EDTEA RESPONSES TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION WRITTEN REPLY NO. 274/2026: MS H
LIDGETT (DA) TO ASK THE PREMIER:**

Kindly find below responses to the above-mentioned Parliamentary question.

WRITTEN REPLY

NO. 274/2026 MS H LIDGETT (DA) TO ASK THE PREMIER:

With reference to the Climate Change Act, 2024:

- 1. WHICH PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT IN KWAZULU-NATAL;**

By virtue of the Constitution, the National Environmental Management Act and Section 17 of the Climate Change Act, 2024, which is the provincial climate action section, the MEC of environment leads the technical coordination of the implementation of the Climate Change Act. Then Section 17 specifically assigns the MEC of environmental affairs to undertake the specific duty of conducting the needs assessment and response planning, who also leads the overall coordination, including Section 7.



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2. WHAT CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSIBILITIES FALL UNDER?

EDTEA:

- Leads and coordinates the implementation of the Climate Change Act.
- Develops and coordinates the Provincial Climate Change Needs Assessment and Response Implementation Plan;
- Coordinates climate change sectoral actions across provincial departments and municipalities.
- Provide technical guidance, capacity building and support
- Monitors and reports on the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.
- Facilitating capacity building, stakeholder engagement and access to research and climate information.
- Coordinates the Intergovernmental Committee on Climate Change (IGCCC).

2. WHO IS THE POLITICAL OFFICE-BEARER AND SENIOR OFFICIAL ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE PROVINCE'S CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE?

MEC Rev, Zondi Co Chairs the Climate Change Council and drives this implementation. The Head of Department is Dr N.G Zulu. The relevant section is headed by Dr Dlamini, and the Director in charge of Climate Change is Ms N Walingo.

3. Has the Provincial Executive Council formally approved the division of responsibilities between EDTEA and the Office of the Premier;

No, these are driven by the constitutional and legal mandates of the institutions. The Council had however approved an action plan which consolidates departmental responses.

4. IF SO, WILL THE MEC PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTION OR POLICY?

A copy of the approved action plan is available.



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5. WHAT ROLE DOES THE PREMIER'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM PLAY IN COORDINATING THE PROVINCIAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE?

Office of the Premier to respond.

7. HAS THE PREMIER'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM MET IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE PROVINCIAL FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE?

Office of the Premier to respond.

8. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN?

The Strategy and Implementation Plan was approved on 04 October 2023.

9. HAS THE STRATEGY BEEN APPROVED BY THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL;

See response to question 8 above.

10. WHAT ACTIONS HAS EDTEA TAKEN TO PREPARE THE PROVINCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT?

- Participation in the development of the technical guidelines that need to be in place for the implementation of the responsibilities stated in the Act;
- Reviewed the gaps in KZN Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Plan to align with the Climate Change Act.
- Continued to strengthen climate governance and coordination through provincial climate change structures
- Building capacity of provincial departments and municipalities through training and awareness programmes.
- Developing tools and guidelines to support climate change mainstreaming and implementation.
- Supporting municipalities to integrate climate change into planning and decision-making.
- Improving climate information and data management, including the updating of the GHG emissions inventory.
- Facilitating stakeholder engagement with national departments, municipalities, academia, civil society, the private sector, and development of partners to support coordinated implementation.
- Mobilising climate finance and technical support through partnerships with national and international programmes to support climate change initiatives.



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11. WHAT IS THE TOTAL CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EDTEA FOR:

a. 2024/25;

R5 400 000,00 (Adaptation: R3m., Mitigation: R2.4m)

b. 2025/26;

R3 641 848,00 Adaptation: Transformative Riverine Management Programme - R1.2m.,
Mitigation: Green and Smart Municipality - R2m., and International funding: R441 848)

c. 2026/27.

R5 000 000,00 Adaptation: Transformative Riverine Management Programme - R2m,
Mitigation: Green and Smart Municipality R2m, and Just Transition: R1m)

12. WHAT IS THE TOTAL CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER FOR THE SAME FINANCIAL YEARS;

Office of the Premier to respond.

13. WILL THE MEC PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THESE BUDGETS, INDICATING:

a. The programme or project;

Transformative River Management Programme (TRMP)

Green & Smart Municipality Programme (GSM)

b. The amount allocated;

TRMP: R1.1 million

GSM: R2 million.

Future Fund: R441 848

c. The amount spent; and

All of it as per allocation except in 2025/26

d. Any underspending or reallocation.

R1,3m underspending in 2025/26 due to poor response by municipalities.



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