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3. Whether the Housing Development Association which relocated the Salt Lake families to Chatty acted against the advice of the NMMM housing officials that these units should be allocated to the original beneficiaries; if so, why?

involved.

The Department has received such allegations that the Housing Development Association relocated families against the wishes of NMMM housing officials. The department is investigating the matter.

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QUESTION

Mr D B Haddon to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements, Safety and Liaison

(1) Whether her Department had undertaken any audit of all housing occupants who (a) rightfully live in their units and (b) do not as yet have title deeds to their units as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) what were the findings of the audit and (ii) when will these findings be presented to the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements; if not,

RESPONSE

Yes. The department undertook an audit of a sample of the units delivered (157 814 houses).

- (i) The audit established the following:
 - Ownership status of housing units delivered (i.e. to whom the house was registered;
 - The person who is in actual occupation,
 - Whether the occupant was the legitimate occupant to whom the subsidy was provided or an approved beneficiary and
 - Properties not yet transferred to their owners (not yet received title deeds).
- (ii) The findings were first presented to the affected municipalities and task teams were established to implement the findings from the audit. The report was submitted to the Portfolio Committee but a detailed presentation has not

	been made yet as the project was not finalised at the time.
(2) whether any steps have been or are to be taken with a view to quantifying this problem; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when;	In the areas where the audit was undertaken the quantification has been done and there are specific figures per each category (see attached summarised extract). a) The audit took the form of a door to door survey including revisits where beneficiaries were unable to be found during first visits. This was done throughout the audit
(3) whether her Department has the capacity to undertake such a project throughout the province; if not, how will this incapacity be addressed;	The department does not have Financial and required Human Resources to undertake a full scale audit of all units delivered throughout the province.
(4) when is it anticipated that this audit will (a) commence and (b) be completed?	As indicated in 1 above the audit has been undertaken. A further audit is not anticipated currently due to the reasons explained in 3 above

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