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The Honourable Speaker  
Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature  
Private Bag X0029

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Dear Honourable August-Sauls,


**DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES TO THE INTERNAL QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

As per provincial legislature Rule 184.1, kindly receive the responses affecting the Department of Human Settlements.

Please find attached herewith reply for the Written Question IQP 5 of 2019.

Yours faithfully

HON. N.N. PIETERS  
MEC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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**125. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

*With reference to the Herald newspaper article entitled "Soweto on Sea in a grave state" dated Monday, 22 July 2019:*

| QUESTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| (1) Whether she has been informed that there are houses allegedly built around and on top of grave sites in the aforementioned area Soweto on Sea in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMBMM); if not, what is the position in this regard; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The office of the MEC has been informed of the conditions and planning challenges in Soweto on Sea: Nelson Mandela Bay Metro.</li> </ul> |
| (2) whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to relocating the beneficiaries of the houses in order to                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nelson Mandela Metro has assured the Department that it will be funding the re-planning of Soweto on Sea from</li> </ul>             |

| QUESTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p>identify and mark all the graves in the area; if not, (a) why and (b) by when her Department anticipates this matter will be resolved;</p>                                                                                                  | <p>the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The commencement date has not yet been communicated by NMBM. However, the Department will continue to engage the Metro on the matter.</li> <li>• The re-planning will enable the regularization of the entire residential and non-residential layout regime. The non-residential regime will consider the graveyard site, which will be part of the public space.</li> </ul> |
| <p>(3) who is the contractor that allegedly built the houses in the aforementioned area;</p>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soweto on Sea project is a historical project approved in 1997 and implemented by NMBM through the private developer Independent Development Trust Programme (IDP). Therefore, the department has no knowledge of the alleged contractor.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>(4) whether the aforementioned contractor is still building houses in the province; if so, (a) where were the houses built since 1994 and (b) what is the total cost of projects that the said contractor built since 1994;</p>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The department has no knowledge of the alleged contractor since the appointment and commitment was between the private developer and Metro.<br/>(a) N/A<br/>(b) N/A.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>(5) whether her Department has blacklisted the said contractor since he is alleged to have built houses with shoddy workmanship; if not, (a) why and (b) when her Department anticipates the contractor will be backlisted;</p>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department has not blacklisted the alleged contractor since the commitment was with the Metro</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>(6) whether she has been informed of the reasons as to why was the Zanemvula Project halted, which was reportedly meant to deal with housing challenges in the aforementioned area; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Zanemvula Project was not halted in total but only the Soweto on Sea area within the Zanemvula Project was halted because of the challenges of improper layout, encroachments, poor quality of the housing product and the requirement of mass relocation of people from the affected areas.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                         |
| <p>(7) whether her Department has any plans in place with a view to resuscitating the project; if so, when can the beneficiaries expect the project to resume?</p>                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NMBMM will be funding the initial cost for re-planning of approximately R24 million from its Urban Settlement Development Grant (USDG);</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| <b>QUESTIONS</b> | <b>RESPONSES</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ECDOHS will accordingly fund top structures from its Human Settlement Development Grant (HSDG) once the planning has been duly completed.</li></ul> |