

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER: WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2025

17. Ms P Z Lekker to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

In respect of his Department's budget expenditure on human settlements in the 2024/25 financial year:

(a) What is the detailed breakdown per (i) subprogramme and (ii) conditional grant as at end of (aa) September 2024 and (bb) March 2025, (b)(i) what were the Minister and Members of Executive Council (MINMEC) priorities, (ii) what were the targets for the year and (iii) how did the province align its (aa) plans and (bb) expenditure with these priorities and targets, (c) what (i) is the number and (ii) are the details of projects that contributed to 40% of the budget being set aside as a priority, (d) what was the allocated budget for (i) land acquisition and (ii) re-blocking in his Department's original business plan and (e) what was his Department's expenditure breakdown at the end of (i) September 2024 and (ii) March 2025?

RESPONSE

(a) (i)(ii)(aa)(bb) Please see table below:

(a)(i)(ii) Housing Programmes	Funds Allocated R'000	(aa) Expenditure to end September 2024 R'000	(bb) Expenditure to end March 2025 R'000
Individual Housing Subsidies (R0 - R3 500) Non-credit linked	45 000	41 769	117 709
First Home Finance Subsidies (R3 501 - R22 000)	146 000	71 767	124 649
Accreditation of Municipalities (1&2)	19 546	0	9 701
Operational Capital Budget	21 679	1 105	21 604
NHBRC Enrolment Fees	15 238	16	5 016
Land parcels procured (IHAHSD Grant)	2050	0	2050

Integrated Residential Development Programme: Phase 1: Planning and Services	436 682	109 732	325 178
Integrated Residential Development Programme: Phase 2: Top Structure Construction	868 288	433 525	792 363
Enhanced People's Housing Process	10 270	1 088	5 337
Emergency Housing Assistance	41 119	1 311	2 265
GRANT TOTAL	1 605 872	660 313	1 405 872

- (b) (i) The key priorities outlined by the Minister of Human Settlements for the 2024/25 financial year are closely aligned with the MINMEC priorities and the grant frameworks that guide funding allocations across provinces and municipalities. The following ministerial priorities are directly supported through the Human Settlements grant framework:

Upgrading of Informal Settlements

Funded through the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG) and the Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG), this priority supports in-situ upgrading, basic services, re-blocking, and relocations from high-risk areas.

Affordable and Social Housing Delivery

This priority is funded through the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) and the Consolidated Capital Grant (CCG). It focuses on broadening access to housing opportunities, including support for households that fall outside the fully subsidised income bracket (commonly referred to as the "missing middle") through First Home Finance. It also enables the development of rental housing and higher-density residential projects, particularly in well-located areas.

Title Deeds and Tenure Security

The HSDG funds initiatives aimed at issuing outstanding title deeds to qualifying beneficiaries and enhancing security of tenure for low-income households.

Eradication of Unsafe Structures (including Mud Houses and Asbestos Roofs)

This includes the removal of asbestos roofing and other hazardous building materials, as well as mud houses particularly in rural areas. This is addressed via the ISUPG and Emergency Housing Fund, with a focus on replacing structurally unsafe housing, particularly in rural areas.

Catalytic Projects in Priority Development Areas (PDAs)

The USDG supports catalytic human settlements development in well-located urban areas, aligned to spatial transformation and integrated development principles.

Land Acquisition for Integrated Human Settlements

The HSDG enables provinces to acquire well-located land for future housing developments, in line with spatial justice goals.

- (c) (ii)(iii)(aa)(bb)(c) (i)(ii) See Annexure A Attached.
- (d) (i) R2,050 million (ii) Nil allocated for re-blocking, but basic services were provided for in some areas.
- (e) (i) R660 million (ii) R1,405 billion

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