**PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

 **FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2019**

**2. Mr D G Mitchell to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Human Settlements**:

With the reference to the R1,9 million allocated to the Beaufort West Municipality in March 2017 and the subsequent addition of R400 000 for the construction of internal toilets at existing houses in Rusdene, Paddevlei and Mandlenkosi:

1. how many toilets have been built, (b) how much did each toilet cost to build, (c) how much money is left of the budget, (d) who were the beneficiaries of these toilets, (e) how was the selection process of these beneficiaries conducted, (f) what tender process was followed to contract the person employed for this project and (g) what are the labourers’ (i) names, (ii) daily worksheets and (iii) rate per day?

**RESPONSE**

1. To date, 21 toilets have been built.
2. The municipality originally indicated that the cost per toilet would be R 31 099.00 but later reported that the cost had escalated to R 83 283.45.
3. The balance as at 30th June 2018 was R 166 047.50. There is no new information received from Municipality with regard to the latter.
4. The Forensic Investigative Unit was appointed to investigate the project and on completion all misappropriated funds will be recovered from the municipality.
5. Municipality conducted door to door beneficiary verifications whereby priority was given to the elderly and people living with disabilities.
6. There were no tender processes, the project was executed and managed in-house by the Municipality.
7. (i) Individuals employed and (ii) Daily worksheets for the project contain personal and confidential information. Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) as published in the Government Gazetted no. 42110, December 2018 provide guideline on how to handle personal information. Due to the latter, names and daily worksheets cannot be made available to the public.

(iii) The municipality has spent R1 500 252.19 by the 30th June 2018 on salaries and wages.

 **MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT**

 **DATE:**