**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER PQ2016/289
DATE OF PUBLICATION: 19 FERUARY 2016**

**Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**(1) Whether each metropolitan municipality has an informal trading policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether each specified metropolitan municipality licenses informal traders operating in public spaces; if so; (a) how many licensed informal traders are in each such municipality, (b) does each specified metropolitan municipality receive licence fees from informal traders and (c) what is the cost of obtaining an informal trading licence;

(3) Whether each specified metropolitan municipality provides any services to informal traders; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

**REPLY:**(1) The following Cities have approved informal trading policies: Cape Town; EThekwini; Johannesburg; Ekurhuleni and Tshwane. Nelson Mandela Metro has a final draft policy for informal trading which is currently under review. Buffalo City and Mangaung do not have informal trading policies but have By-laws on Street Trading.

(2) Yes, all Metropolitan Municipalities licenses informal traders operating in public spaces. The details are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Metropolitan Municipality** | **Number of licenses** | **Whether Municipality receives license fees** | **Cost of informal trading license** |
| Cape Town | 3701 | Yes | R70 up to R465 |
| EThekwini | 10 000 | Yes | R40.00 up to R1200.00 |
| Johannesburg | 9740 | Yes | R80 - R 500 |
| Ekurhuleni | 3,000 | No | No fee charged |
| Tshwane | 1 500 | Yes | R138,40 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 72 | Yes | R90,00 |
| Buffalo City | 179 | Yes | R513.00 |
| Mangaung | 178 | Yes | R30.00 |

(3) Yes, all Metropolitan Municipalities provide services to informal traders as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Metropolitan Municipality** | **Services provided** |
| Cape Town | Hard surfacing of trading bays; provision of roof structures; Kiosks; training and development opportunities; access to markets through events; Area cleansing; Environmental Health and developing trading plans; education; training and trading permits. |
| EThekwini | Water; ablution facilities; storage facilities; trading shelters, 24 hour security and capacity building *I* training programmes. |
| Johannesburg | Maintenance and cleaning of the markets and streets, training and By-law education, workshops on business management and By-law enforcement to illegal traders who violate informal trading By-laws. |
| Ekurhuleni | Space and facilities including traders' market stalls and operational support such as compliance procedures and training. |
| Tshwane | Training and mentorship; personal and life-skills; business growth and success factors and appropriate business development support including training; and instruments to facilitate co-operatives' bulk buying. |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | Litter bins; refuse removal bags; storage facilities; ablutions; electricity and water/sinks. |
| Buffalo *City* | Umbrellas & training opportunities. |
| Mangaung | Training and skills development programmes focusing on Customer Care; Financial skills; Environmental Health - Food Preparation, Fire Dept. - Training to Informal Traders, Waste management and Street Traders By-law |