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**Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) asked the Minister Public Works**

(1) What amount did each metropolitan municipality spend on Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) wages in the (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14 and (c) 2014-15 financial years;

(2) whether each specified metropolitan municipality provided any accredited training to EPWP workers in the specified financial years; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the specifics of each training initiative and (b) how many workers were accredited by each training initiative;

(3) whether each specified metropolitan municipality opens the database used to fill EPWP opportunities to the public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of how the specified database is made public by each metropolitan municipality?                                                                      **NW298E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works**

(1) The amount spent by each of the Metropolitan Municipalities in the (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14 and (c) 2014-15 financial years on wages is shown in the table below:

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| **Name of Metropolitan Municipality** | **Financial Year 2012-13** | **Financial Year 2013-14** | **Financial Year 2014-15** |
| City of Johannesburg | 182 045 060 | 196 318 269 | 188 678 230 |
| City of Tshwane | 116 678 960 | 157 825 210 | 169 630 527 |
| Ekurhuleni | 15 477 568 | 46 397 769 | 99 040 036 |
| Mangaung | 5 523 853 | 6 923 626 | 11 946 018 |
| Buffalo City  | 4 902 035 | 1 934 783 | 3 261 455 |
| Nelson Mandela | 40 823 993 | 25 800 017 | 25 507 476 |
| City of Cape Town | 115 292 062 | 102 028 567 | 176 081 155 |
| eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality | 122 926 690 | 135 032 036 | 144 005 314 |
| Total | 603 670 221 | 672 260 277 | 818 150 211 |

(2) The table below reflects those Metropolitan Municipalities that provided accredited training to EPWP participants.

Through the National Skills Fund (NSF) training was provide to a total of 763 EPWP participants within the specified time period of 2012-13 to 2014-15. The participants were trained in three EPWP Programmes, namely: Skills Programmes; Learnership Programmes and Artisan Development Programmes. From the trained participants 577 were trained on Skills Programmes, 130 on Learnership Programmes and 56 went through the Artisan Development Programme. Below is a breakdown of the training Programmes offered:

Table 1

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| **PROVINCE** | **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY** | **NO. OF PARTICIPANTS** |
| Eastern Cape | Buffalo City | 10 |
| Gauteng | Ekurhuleni | 77 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | eThekwini | 106 |
| Gauteng | City of Johannesburg | 122 |
| Gauteng | City of Tshwane | 130 |
| Western Cape | City of Cape Town | 132 |
| **Total** |  | **577** |

Table 2

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| **PROVINCE** | **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY** | **NO. OF PARTICIPANTS** |
| Eastern Cape | Buffalo City | 60 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | eThekwini | 50 |
| Free State | Mangaung | 20 |
| **Total** |  | **130** |

Table 3

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| **PROVINCE** | **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY** | **NO. OF PARTICIPANTS** |
| Eastern Cape | Buffalo City | 9 |
| Gauteng | City of Tshwane | 3 |
| Gauteng | City of Johannesburg | 3 |
| Gauteng | Ekurhuleni | 13 |
| Western Cape | City of Cape Town | 12 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | eThekwini | 8 |
| Free State | Mangaung | 8 |
| **Total** |  | **56** |

(3) The City of Cape Town is the only Metropolitan Municipality that uses a database to source EPWP participants. The database is open to the City of Cape Town residents looking for work. In the other Metropolitan Municipalities EPWP participants are sourced from communities through Project Steering Committees that involve relevant stakeholders, such as community leaders, municipal officials and projects managers. The Project Steering Committees assist in ensuring that recruitment of participants is done in a fair and transparent manner.

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