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**3597. Ms T Stander (DA) to ask the Minister of Women in the Presidency:**

(1) Whether the National Policy Framework for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality expanded its requirement for the establishment of gender focal points (GFPs) in national departments to (a) provincial departments and (b) municipalities; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (i) which (aa) Offices of Premiers, (bb) provincial departments and (cc) municipalities established GFPs in each province and (ii) what was the budget allocated in each case for the 2017-18 financial year;

(2) whether her department collaborates with any of the specified offices, departments and/or municipalities with regard to the GFPs; if not, in each case, (a) what is the position in this regard and (b) does her department plan to put any measures in place to collaborate with the various entities in the future; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW4025E

**Reply**

Cabinet adopted the National Policy Framework for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality in 2000, which defined the National Gender Machinery, including locating the responsibility for empowerment of women and gender equality in the Presidency and establishing the system of GFPs.

The Department is currently working on the framework for Gender Focal Points (GFP)**,** and this is in collaboration with the Department of Public Service & Administration (DPSA). The GFP framework will be tabled to cabinet for approval. Once approved, it will be used by all spheres of government in terms of location, competencies, reporting lines and their strategic role in the promotion of gender mainstreaming across the work of government departments.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date……………………….**