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**1047. Mr. W F Faber (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) What was the total cost incurred by the Government for each of the three parliamentary villages during the (a) Fourth and (b) Fifth Parliaments in terms of (i) bus transport, (ii) water and electricity, rates and taxes, (iii) village management, (iv) construction of new buildings, (v) maintenance of buildings, (vi) purchasing of new furniture and appliances, (vii) cost of employing the staff of her department to run the villages and (viii) any other expenses;

(2) whether she has considered the option of providing each Member of Parliament with a housing allowance instead of accommodation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2201E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

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| (a) Fourth Parliament | (b) Fifth Parliament |
| (i) The total cost incurred by government for all three parliamentary villages during the Fourth Parliament, in terms of transport, is **R38 570 345**. | (i) The total cost incurred by government for all three parliamentary villages during the Fifth Parliament, in terms of transport, is **R35 997 143**. |
| (ii)The total cost in terms of the Municipal Services and Rates of the three parliamentary villages during the Fourth Parliament amounts, as follows:  Laboria Park **R7 875 171.81**  Pelican Park **R6 470 925.33**  Acacia Park **R12 836 995.19** | (ii)The total cost in terms of the Municipal Services and Rates of the three parliamentary villages during the Fifth Parliament amounts, as follows:  Laboria Park **R12 185 225.49**  Pelican Park **R22 328 442.08**  Acacia Park **R50 959 085.40** |
| (iii) The parliamentary villages are managed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure through officials who are employed fulltime and render the required services – the cost relating to the employment of the said officials during the Fourth Parliament amounted to **R8 053 472.75**. | (iii) The parliamentary villages are managed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure through officials who are employed fulltime and render the required services – the cost relating to the employment of the said officials during the Fifth Parliament amounted **R13 102 467.25**. |
| (iv) None | (iv) The total cost incurred to construct the new access buildings at the three parliamentary villages amounted to **R35 550 947.07** |
| (v) The total cost in terms of the maintenance of the three parliamentary villages amounted to **R300 000 000.00** | (v) The total cost in terms of the maintenance of the three parliamentary villages during the Fifth Parliament amounts, as follows:  Acacia Park      **R113,718,148.37**  Laboria Park     **R21,119,084.70**  Pelican Park     **R27,617,264.60** |
| (vi) **R6 422 237.00** | (vi) **R30 981 445.00**. |
| (vii) Refer to (iii) above. | (vii) Refer to (iii) above. |
| (viii) No other expenses. | (viii) No other expenses. |

(2) The responsibility of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is to provide accommodation to Government Departments and Members of Parliament, amongst others, in terms of its mandate. Any request for allowances to public office bearers must be made to the Independent Commission for Remuneration of Public Office Bearers.