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**1109. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. With reference to her reply to question 1486 on 18 August 2020, (a) what is the current status of the 13 buildings which her department was to hand over to the Minister of Social Development for the purpose of victim empowerment shelters to assist women, (b) which of the seven buildings that have been completely renovated are currently operational, (c) who is the appointed operational service provider for each building, (d) what are the reasons that completed shelters are not currently operational and (e) by what date will the specified shelters be operational;

(2) by what date(s) does she envisage that the renovations of the remaining six buildings will (a) commence and (b) be completed in each case? **NW1296E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

1. (a) I have been informed by the Department that the total number of buildings which have been renovated and ready for use by Department of Social Development (DSD) is twelve (12) instead of thirteen (13). The Department has renovated all 12 buildings for use by DSD. Currently seven (7) buildings have been handed over to provincial and national Departments of Social Development and are in operation.

(b) The list of the seven (7) buildings, which have been completely renovated and are operational, is provided on table A below:

**Table A**

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| **No.** | **PROVINCE** | **PROPERTY ADDRESS** | **STATUS** |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Western Cape | Albertina: 8 Aalwyn Street, Cape Town | Operational |
| 2. | Western Cape | Laingsburg: 39 Voortrekker Road, Cape Town | Operational |
| 3. | Western Cape | Aurora: 44 Long Street, Cape Town | Operational |
| 4. | Western Cape | Aurora: 42 Long Street, Cape Town | Operational |
| 5. | Western Cape | Mooreesburg: 16 Tuin Street St, Cape Town | Operational |
| 6. | Western Cape | Heidelberg: 92 Van Riebeek Street, Cape Town | Operational  |
| 7.  | Gauteng | Salvokop, Pretoria | Operational  |

(c)The Department has handed over the buildings to the Western Cape Provincial Department of Social Development and National Department of Social Development (Salvokop) for operationalization. The Department, therefore, does not have information of service providers which have been appointed by DSD to operationalise the facilities.

(d) and (e) The Department is awaiting a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) from the Gauteng Provincial Department of Social Development and the Provincial Department of Infrastructure Development. This will inform the timelines for occupation and use.

2 (a) and (b) The renovations of the remaining five (5) buildings in Gauteng commenced during the 2020/2021 Financial Year and have since been completed.