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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1182. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What is the total number of buildings that his department has identified as suitable to be converted into student accommodation since the last report of property that was handed over to the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation?

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

The Department identified several properties and vacant land parcels located around the universities in nine (9) out the eleven (11) Regions and a total of **68 properties** **were identified**. The lists of properties were shared with DHET and site visits were conducted in some properties for assessments and verification.

Below is the summary of identified properties**:**

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| **REGION** | **IDENTIFIED PROPERTIES** | **VISITED & VERIFIED** | **NOT VISITED / VERIFIED**  |
| Port Elizabeth | 13 Properties  | 10 | 3 Properties to be visited |
| Durban | 21 Properties | 21 |  |
| Polokwane | 8 Properties identified | 0 | 8 Properties to be visited |
| Mmabatho | 17 Properties identified | 8 | 9 Properties still to be visited |
| Johannesburg | 1 Block of flats identified | 1 |  |
| Bloemfontein | 1 Block of flats identified | 1 |  |
| Kimberly | No properties identified |  |  |
| Mthatha | No properties identified |  |  |
| Pretoria | 1 Block of flats identified | 0 | 1 property to be visited |
| Nelspruit | 4 Properties identified | 0 | 4 Properties to be visited |
| Cape Town | 2 Properties identified | 2 |  |
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| Total | **68** | 43 | 25 |