

**MINISTRY FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**QUESTION**

**Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether, with reference to the reply to question 3054 on 13 October 2017, his department has received the information; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what date will such information indeed be available;

**REPLY:**

1. The following response is based on the information received from Free State, Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape Provincial departments responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Western Cape Provincial departments responsible for local government did not meet the extended deadline for submission of responses.
2. The table below provides information received:

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| Province  | Municipality  | (1)(a) Number of qualified engineer appointed in (a) the works department | (b) Number of qualified engineer appointed in infrastructure development department | (c) Number of qualified engineer appointed in the water works department | (2)(a) Whether an engineer has been appointed in the specified divisions | (2)(b) Reasons for non-appointment of engineer  |
| Free State | Tokologo LM | None  | None  | None  | No  | The municipality is very small and is unable able to afford services on full time basis |
| Nketoana LM | None | 5 | None | None | None |
| Dihlabeng | None | 1 | None | Yes | Technical Director oversees all Infrastructure units and is aided by the Water Works Manager. |
| Moqhaka LM | None | 1 | None | Yes | Technical Director oversees all Infrastructure units and is aided by the Water Works Manager. |
| Gauteng | City of Tshwane MM | None | 169 | 5 | Yes  | N/A |
| Ekurhuleni MM | None | 1 | 26 | Yes | N/A |
| City of Johannesburg MM | None | 8 | 7 | Yes | N/A |
| Lesedi LM | None | 12 | 4 | Yes | N/A |
| Merafong LM | None | None  | None  | No  | Unable to attract qualified registered Engineers |
| Midvaal LM | None | 1 | 2 | Yes | N/A |
| Randfontein LM | None | None  | None  | No  | The municipality is unable to attract qualified registered Engineers |
| Westonaria LM | None | 2 | None | Yes | N/A |
| Emfuleni LM | None | 5 | 6 | Yes | N/A |
| Mogale City LM | None | None  | None  | No  | Unable to attract qualified registered Engineers |
| Limpopo  | Lepelle-Nkumpi LM | None | 6 | None | Yes  | N/A |
| Molemole LM | None | 3 | None | Yes  | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Blouberg LM | None | 3 | None | Yes | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Vhembe DM | None  | 4 | None | Yes  | N/A |
| Thulamela LM | None  | 16  | None | Yes | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Musina LM | None | 1 | None | Yes | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Collins Chabane LM | None | 1 | None | Yes | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Makhado LM | None | 1 | 1 | Yes | The available Engineer is for both Works and Infrastructure departments. |
| Greater Giyani LM | None  | 2  | None | Yes  | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Ba-Phalaborwa LM | None  | 9 | None | Yes  | N/A |
| Greater Tzaneen LM | 3 | 3 | 3 | Yes  | N/A |
| Maruleng LM | None | 3 | None | Yes  | The municipality is not a water service authority. |
| Elias Motsoaledi LM | None | None | None | No  | The municipality is unable to attract qualified engineers due to financial constraints. |
| Ephraim Mogale LM | None | None | None | No  | Grading system which determines the salary scale makes it difficult to appoint Engineers. |
| Waterberg DM | None | 1 | None | Yes | The municipality is not a water service authority |
| Thabazimbi LM | None  | 1 | 1 | Yes  | N/A |
| Lephalale LM | None | None | None | No  | Due to affordability and the organogram does not cater for such posts. |
| Bela-bela LM | 1 | 3 | 1 | Yes  | N/A |
| Modimolle-Mookgophong LM | 4 | 7 | 4 | Yes  | N/A |
| Mogalakwena LM | None  | 13 | None | Yes  | It is one of the scarce skill. |
| Northern Cape  | Sol Plaatjie LM | 1 | 1  | None | Yes  | Lack of funds to appoint engineers |
| John Taolo Gaetsewe DM | None | 3 | None | Yes  | N/A  |
| Pixley Ka Seme DM | None | 2 | 6 | Yes  | N/A |
| Mpumalanga | Gert Sibande DM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Chief Albert Luthuli LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided e |
| Msukaligwa LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Lekwa LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Mkhondo LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Dipaleseng LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Dr Pixley ka Isaka Seme LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Govan Mbeki LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Nkangala DM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Victor Khanye LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Emalahleni LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Steve Tshwete LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Emakhazeni LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Thembisile LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Dr JS Moroka LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Ehlanzeni DM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Thaba Chweu LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Mbombela LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Nkomazi LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |
| Bushbuckridge LM | None | 1 | None | None | No information was provided |

1. Whether he will make a statement on the matter?

As part of the Department’s support intervention to municipalities, especially the 87 distressed municipalities, the Municipal Information Support Agent will deploy engineers and other technical officials to assist municipalities in managing their infrastructure projects.

A Parliamentary question was received regarding the vacancies in the works department, infrastructure development and the water works department. The Honourable member wants to know the number of municipalities a qualified engineer has been appointed in the works department, infrastructure development and the water works department.

In the preliminary response, the Honourable Member was informed that provinces did not meet the deadline for submission of responses and that the information will be provided as soon as it has been received.

The Ministry received a follow-up from the Honourable member regarding the outstanding information.

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