**MINISTRY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.:1316**

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**Mr M S Malatsi (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements:**

What total amount was underspent by each provincial department of human settlements regarding its allocated budget for the (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16 and (c) 2016-17 financial years? NW1458E

**REPLY:**

(a) Unspent Funds in 2014/2015 financial year for the Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG)

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| **Provinces** | **2014/15** |
| **Total Available** | **Expenditure** | **(a) Total Unspent Funds** |
| **R'000** |
| Eastern Cape | 2 392 718 | 2 392 718 |  -  |
| Free State | 1 061 756 | 1 061 933 | - |
| Gauteng | 4 430 595 | 4 404 618 |  25 977 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 3 509 045 | 3 510 523 | - |
| Limpopo |  825 043 |  517 032 |  308 012 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 327 960 | 1 257 579 |  70 380 |
| Northern Cape |  374 832 |  374 832 |  -  |
| North West | 1 517 136 | 1 517 132 |  4 |
| Western Cape | 1 934 936 | 1 934 936 |  -  |
| **Total** | **17 374 021** | **16 971 303** |  **404 373** |

The total amount of funds available for allocation to Provinces in the 2014/2015 financial year was R17, 374, 021, 000. As at the 31st March 2015, R16, 971,303,000 was spent. A total of R404 million remained unspent by three Provinces. The Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces are the two provinces which requested a rollover on their unspent funds. The National Treasury approved the requested rollovers to the 2015/2016 financial year.

1. Unspent Human Settlement Development Grant funds in the 2015/2016 financial year

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| **Provinces** | **2015/16** |
| **Voted Funds** | **Approved Rollover** | **Total Available Funds** | **Expenditure** | **(b) Total Unspent Funds** |
| **R'000** |
| Eastern Cape | 1 962 372 | - | 2 462 372 | 2 458 180 |  4 192 |
| Free State | 1 057 284 | - | 1 057 284 | 1 057 237 |  47 |
| Gauteng | 4 979 844 | - | 4 071 467 | 4 048 079 |  23 388 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 3 235 475 | - | 3 543 852 | 3 543 852 |  -  |
| Limpopo | 1 283 877 | 308 012 | 1 591 889 | 1 123 299 |  468 590 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 265 162 | 70 380 | 1 335 542 | 1 335 486 |  56 |
| Northern Cape |  380 408 | - |  480 408 |  476 559 |  3 849 |
| North West | 2 063 131 | - | 2 163 131 | 2 163 129 |  2 |
| Western Cape | 1 975 122 | - | 1 975 122 | 1 975 122 |  -  |
| Total | 18 202 675 | 378 392 | 18 681 067 | 18 180 943 |  500 124 |

For the 2015/16 financial year, the total available funds for the HSDG was R18, 681,067,000 including a rollover of R372, 392, 000. An amount of R18, 180, 943, 000 was spent, with an amount of R500, 124, 000 remaining underspent by three Provinces. The Eastern Cape, Limpopo and Northern Cape Provinces requested a roll over for the unspent funds. The National Treasury approved a total of R403 million consisting of R4, 186,000 for Eastern Cape, R394, 842, 000 for Limpopo and R3, 821, 000 for Northern Cape.

1. Unspent funds in the 2016/2017 financial year – HSDG

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| **Provinces** | **2016/17**  |
| **Voted Funds** | **Approved Rollover** | **Total Available Funds** | **Expenditure** | **(c) Total Unspent Funds** |
| **R'000** |
| Eastern Cape | 1 991 457 |  4 186 | 1 995 643 | 1 995 643 |  -  |
| Free State | 1 098 411 |  -  | 1 098 411 | 1 098 317 |  94 |
| Gauteng | 5 022 669 |  -  | 5 022 669 | 4 978 964 |  43 705 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 3 124 702 |  -  | 3 124 702 | 3 123 330 |  1 372 |
| Limpopo | 1 208 370 |  394 842 | 1 603 212 | 1 517 376 |  85 836 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 314 645 |  -  | 1 314 645 | 1 302 757 |  11 888 |
| Northern Cape |  371 109 |  3 821 |  374 930 |  368 127 |  6 803 |
| North West | 2 151 817 |  -  | 2 151 817 | 1 951 247 |  200 570 |
| Western Cape | 2 000 811 |  -  | 2 000 811 | 2 000 811 |  -  |
| **Total** | **18 283 991** |  **402 849** | **18 686 840** | **18 336 572** |  **350 268** |

National Treasury indicated that all the Provinces with unspent funds have requested approval for rollovers. The requests by Provinces are currently being processed by National Treasury.