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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1369. Ms P Marais (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Given that her the Botshabelo and Bloemfontein offices of her department do not comply with occupational health and safety standards and were instructed by the Department of Employment and Labour to either comply or close office, what are the reasons that the specified offices are still operating? NW1659E

**REPLY:**

1. Offices occupied by the Department of Social Development in Bloemfontein and Botshabelo and the conditions in terms of Occupational Health & Safety Compliance are as follows:

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| **Office Building** | **OHS Condition** |
| **CIVILIA BUILDING – PROVINCIAL OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 31/12/2023.  **FUMIGATION**  Attended - 17/02/2022.  Follow Up - 17/03/2022 & 28/03/2022.  **VENTILATION**  New Aircons installation completed September 2021, the Chiller Machine currently being serviced.  **LIFTS**  New lifts installation completed November 2020.  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Inspection conducted with Landlord on 12 April 2022 to attend to maintenance matters. |
| **OLD STANDARD BANK BUILDING – PROVINCIAL OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 31/10/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Completed on 18/02/2022.  **VENTILATION**  Aircons serviced in March 2022.  **LIFTS**  Functioning well.  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Attended by Landlord as per request. |
| **STANDARD BANK HOUSE BUILDING – PROVINCIAL OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 31/10/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Completed on 18/02/2022.  **VENTILATION**  Aircons serviced in March 2022.  **LIFTS**  Functioning well  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Attended by Landlord as per request. |
| **LEMO MALL – DISTRICT OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 31/12/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  To be attended in the current financial year.  **VENTILATION**  Aircons in working order.  **LIFTS**  In working order.  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Attended by Landlord as per request. |
| **TSHEPONG – DISTRICT OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 30/09/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Procurement underway for all outstanding institutions and sub offices in Mangaung.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. Air conditioners to be installed during the 2022/23 Financial Year.  **LIFTS**  Flat structure. Ramp available.  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Attended to by the Department. |
| **BOTSHABELO FDC – DISTRICT OFFICE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid unit 30/09/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  To be attended to in the current financial year.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. New Air conditioners installed during 2019 and functioning well.  **LIFTS**  N/A.  **GENERAL MAINTENACE**  Attended by Landlord as per request.  Last major renovations took place during August 2019. |
| **TSHIRELETSONG CYCC** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Not in good working condition. Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in a process to service fire equipment.  **FUMIGATION**  Completed in April 2022.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. Air conditioners in good working order.  **LIFTS**  N/A.  **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**  Attended by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as per the conditions of the lease contract. |
| **BOIKETLONG OLD AGE HOME** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid until 30/09/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Service to be completed by 17/05/2022.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. Air conditioners in good working order.  **LIFTS**  N/A.  **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**  Attended by the Department as and when required. |
| **WINKIE DIREKO & ONE STOP CHILD JUSTICE CENTRE** | **FIRE EQUIPMENT**  Valid until 30/09/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Completed in March 2022. New procurement underway. To be finalised by 30 June 2022.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. Air conditioners in good working order.  **LIFTS**  N/A.  **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**  Attended by the Department. |
| **BOTSHABELO HAVEN** | **FIRE EQUIPEMENT**  Valid until 30/09/2022.  **FUMIGATION**  Procurement underway. To be finalised by 30 June 2022.  **VENTILATION**  Windows available. Air conditioners in good working order.  **LIFTS**  N/A.  **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**  Attended by the Department as and when required. |

1. The offices are still operating due to the fact that the issues identified in the previous years in terms of Occupational Health and Safety were attended to and the buildings comply with the requirements of the Act.
2. No new Contraventions/Prohibition Notices were received by the Department to date in the offices in question.