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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1429. Mrs S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What plans does his department have for the Graaff-Reinet office in the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality to provide services that are not currently reaching all the residents in order to (a) issue (i) identity cards and (ii) birth certificates and (b) provide other additional services to the towns of (i) Aberdeen, (ii) Steytlerville, (iii) Jansensville, (iv) Klipplaat, (v) Rietbron and (vi) Willowmore;

(2) how often is it envisaged that his department will visit the specified towns in the period leading to the local government elections in October 2021;

(3) whether his department intends to draft a programme for servicing the towns; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, by what date will the programme be in place;

(4) whether his department will advertise its programme for servicing the towns timeously; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1627E

 **REPLY:**

1. (a)(i)(b)(i),(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)

The above-mentioned far flung areas are visited on a monthly basis by the Office to provide Services-on-wheels. There is a Monthly Program in place. More, recently, Jansenville and Klipplaat were visited by the Mobile Solution Unit on 17 and 18 May 2021, respectively, to provide services to the community and the learners.

2. The above-mentioned areas will be visited on a monthly basis to provide services leading to the local government elections in October 2021.

1. There is a Monthly Program in place, and it is communicated to the Local Municipal leader / active members in the Home Affairs / Municipal Stakeholder Forum that are assisting the communities, and Community Development Workers (CDWs) when the Department visits the areas
2. The programmes and visits are communicated, timeously, to all role players.

**END**