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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans

(1) Whether, with reference to the Chetty 491 housing project for military veterans in Port Elizabeth, a service-level agreement was signed between the Department of Human Settlements and the Department of Military Veterans; if not, why not; if so, are the specified houses built in line with the adequate housing requirements.

(2) Whether she will furnish Mr M L Shelembe with a copy of the service-level agreement; if

not, why not; if so, by what date.

(3) Which representative of the Department of Military Veterans will be monitoring the process to ensure that there is compliance?

REPLY:

- 1) For the Eastern Cape housing projects, there is a Service Level Agreement signed between DHS and DMV. This service level agreement highlight adherence to the duties of both departments. For DMV, the duties are as follows:
 - a. Section 4.1. Department shall on annual basis, provided the Provincial Department of Human Settlement (PDHS) with the list of military veterans eligible for housing benefit and provide top up to cover the shortfall for completed and certified housing units of military veterans.
 - b. Section 4.2. Department must monitor building progress to ensure quality on delivery and compliance provisioning for housing for military veterans.
 - c. Section 4.3. Department shall ensure that the receiver of the housing benefit sign declaration that he or she will comply with the bylaws and pay services as rendered by the local authority.
 - d. Section 4.5. The department must hand over housing units to the beneficiary on completion by the PDHS.
- 2) The copy of the SLA is available to share.
- 3) Acting Chief Director DMV together with the DMV housing team have periodic meetings with the DHS counterpart to discuss compliance specifications. The project went well unfortunately there was not enough number of military veterans to occupy all houses. Department of Human Settlement converted some units to house destitute civilian families.

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