**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1693 Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What are the (a) terms of reference of the review sponsored by his department that will be led by Adv Dikgang Moseneke to determine whether municipal elections can be free and fair and (b) time frames attached to the review;

(2) whether there is any budget allocation for the review; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1901E

**REPLY:**

The matter was referred to the Electoral Commission which responds as follows:

1. (a) The terms of reference of the review are as follows:
   1. To inquire into, make findings, report on and make recommendations concerning the likelihood the Commission will be able to ensure that the forthcoming 2021 general local government elections will be free and fair in view of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures promulgated by the government to curb the continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic as contemplated in section 14(4) of the Act.
   2. The report may indicate additional measures that the Commission may have to implement in order to realize free and fair elections within the context of the COVID 19 pandemic.

(b) See attached Annexure A for the timeframes driving the Moseneke Inquiry.

(2) The current estimated budget for this project is approximately R 2 million.

**END**