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**QUESTION NO 827**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr M H Hoosen (ID) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional**

**Affairs:**

What amounts were paid in constituency/party funding by municipalities to each (a) party and (b) councillor in the 2008-09 financial year?

 **ANSWER**

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs does not monitor constituency/party funding by municipalities. As a result the department does not have this information at its disposal.

 **QUESTION 828**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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Interdepartmental transfer from Health on 11 September 2009

**QUESTION NO 2305**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether his department has taken any steps to ensure that the original allocation and the extra allocation of R288 million for the 2009-10 financial year will be spent on municipal infrastructure only and not on running costs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3011E

**Answer**

Yes. The department has the following monitoring systems in place to ensure that the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funds allocated to municipalities are spent for the intended purpose:

**Project Registration**

Municipalities are required to register the projects that will be implemented utilizing the MIG allocation. Projects are registered on the MIS system and are evaluated to ensure that they meet the MIG conditions.

**Division of Revenue Act (DORA) Expenditure Report**

The municipalities are required to submit monthly DORA expenditure reports. The expenditure of municipalities is monitored on a monthly basis and where a municipality is under-spending the funds for the following month will be withheld.

**Project List**

On the monthly project list municipalities are required to report on expenditure against each project that is implemented utilizing the MIG allocation.

Furthermore the monitoring role of the provinces will be strengthened to provide random site visits to the projects that are being implemented. The Department is also in a process of finalizing the partnership with the Special Investigation Unit (SIU). The SIU will assist the department in strengthening the monitoring systems by site visits and verification of expenditure against the implemented projects.

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**QUESTION NO 1546**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional**

**Affairs:**

1. What is the (a) name of each of the 17 municipalities that have not implemented the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004, and (b) reason for the non-implementation;

2. whether he will provide any assistance to ensure that these municipalities comply; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

3. whether there will be any financial implications in this regard; if so, from which Budget will this be funded?

**Answer**

1. According to the Department's records, there are 13 municipalities that have not complied with the implementation of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004. This figure represents statistics provided to the Department by the provincial departments responsible for local government as at 30 July 2009.

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**QUESTION NO 2031**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether his department has determined the extent of the damage caused during the protests in lntabazwe in the Eastern Free State; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

2. whether his department has determined the reasons for these protests; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

3. Whether he has taken any steps to deal with the reasons; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2683E

**Answer**

1. The department has not done assessment of the damages caused by any protests in Intabazwe in the Maluti a Phofung municipality

2. The department is supporting the task team in the determination of the actual reasons for the protest

3. The Free State Government is attending the grievances of the Intabazwe community and has formed a task team comprising of members of the community and government representatives.

**QUESTION NO. 57

(Internal Question Paper No 57- 2009**)

Ms M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) How many people have been charged with the practice of Ukuthwalwa in each of the past five years;

(2) whether any measures have been put in place to avoid further occurrences of this practice; if not, why not; if so, what measures;

(3) whether he has had or will have any interaction with traditional leaders in an attempt to prevent it from happening again; if not, why not: if so, what are the relevant details?

**Answer**
(1) According to information provided by Office of the Cluster Commander of SAPS in Port St Johns, cases presently reported at Mtontsasa Police Station are eleven (11). Four (4) cases are for abduction and seven (7) for abduction and rape. A task team has been established to deal with these cases. There are no statistics available at this police station that similar cases were reported or people were charged in the past five years on this practice (report from Mtontsasa Police Station is attached for ease of reference)

(2) Measures taken by the Eastern Cape Government include an ongoing outreach program led by the Human Rights Commission in the province to educate the community about this practice.

(3) YES, there was Interaction amongst the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr S Shiceka. Minister of Women, Children and Persons with Disability Ms N Mayende-Sibiya. Minister of Police, Mr N Mthethwa and the Traditional Leaders at Qaukeni Great Place on 26 June 2009. It was resolved to clamp down on the practice and for Traditional Leaders to work jointly with government. This decision was supported by the Provincial House and CONTRALESA.

**QUESTION NO. 75**(**Internal Question Paper No 75- 2009)**

**Mr M H Steele (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**
(1) Whether he has been informed about the delay in publishing the findings of the forensic investigation of the uMngeni Municipality by the KwaZulu-Natal member of the executive committee (MEC) for local Government in 2007; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he has been informed about the delay in acting upon the recommendations of the findings of the said MEC's forensic investigation of the Msunduzi Municipality, which were tabled before that council in 2007; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether he will take any steps to achieve a resolution of the issues identified in these forensic investigations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW77E

**Answer**
(1) No. The MEC for Local Government in KwaZulu-Natal is engaging the Executive Committee of uMngeni Municipality to ensure that the findings and recommendations of the forensic investigation report are implement~d.

(2) No. The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs is engaging the municipality on this matter. The Municipal Manager of Msunduzi Municipality has committed that the matters raised are being addressed.

(3) The MEC will be engaging the provincial executive to ensure that the municipalities comply and implement the recommendations of the forensic reports. Should municipalities not comply accordingly, legal action would be considered against them.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (WRITTEN REPLY): PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 75/2009: MR M H STEELE (DA) TO ASK THE: MINISTER OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

QUESTION 1**
Whether he has been informed about the delay in publishing the findings of the forensic Investigation of the uMngeni Municipality by the KwaZulu-Natal member of the executive committee (MEC) for Local Government In 2007; If not, what Is the position In this regard: If so, what are the relevant details:

**ANSWER 1**
No. the MEC is engaging the EXCO of Umngeni Municipality in order to ensure that the findings and recommendations on the forensic investigation report are implemented.

**QUESTION 2**
Whether he has been informed about the delay in acting upon the recommendations of the findings of the said MEC's forensic investigation of the Msunduzi Municipality, which were tabled before that council in 2007; If not, what is the position In this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

**ANSWER 2**

No. the Department-of Local Government and Traditional Affairs - KZN is engaging the municipality on this matter. The Municipal Manager has committed that the matters highlighted in the Investigation report are being addressed.

**QUESTION 3**
Whether he will take any steps to achieve a resolution of the Issues Identified in these forensic investigations; If not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**ANSWER 3**
The MEC will be engaging the Provincial Executive to ensure that the Municipalities comply. Should Municipalities not comply, legal measures will be considered.

**QUESTION NO 68

(Internal Question Paper No XXX - 2009)

Mrs N M Mdaka (ANC) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**What measures does his department have in place to improve the capacity of provincial departments to monitor municipalities in their jurisdiction?

**ANSWER**
Provincial supervision, monitoring and support of local government is a constitutional obligation in terms of sections 154 (1) and Section 155 (6) and (7) of the Constitution. To give effect to these obligations, the departments for local government were established with the specific mandate to oversee and support municipalities. However, as increasing performance challenges build up within the local sphere, government initiated a comprehensive assessment of these departments' capabilities as well as those of the Offices of the Premiers.

The Department needed to get an understanding of the pressure points in these provincial departments, and investigated each entities' capacity, organisational structure, resource base, management of intergovernmental relations and coordination capacity. Findings demonstrated wide provincial variations among the capacity of these departments to manage their constitutional obligations. Most local government departments were found to be under­resourced, receiving only, on average, 3.5% of the provincial budget (excluding Health, Education and Social Development).

Further, only 2% (average result) of staff are above salary grade 11, making these departments extremely 'bottom-heavy' with the result that the required skills and knowledge in these departments is largely lacking. With low budgets, low skills levels, and no specific internal structure dedicated to the monitoring and oversight of municipalities, it became clear that monitoring and support has been poorly resourced, and has received insufficient focus from national government.

Thus, while the previously constituted Department of Provincial and Local Government (dplg) had a very limited focus on Provincial Government, the new Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CGTA) has recognised the need to fully engage with provincial government. It has now adopted an extended mandate to support and monitor the full scope of provincial functions.

In this context, CGT A has made it one of its key priorities to build the developmental state in provincial and local government by making the execution of mandates by these levels of government more effective, efficient, accountable and responsive.

**The following measures are set out in the Strategic Plan of CGT A (2009-2014) to ensure better provincial and municipal capacity:**

· Review and strengthen the current IGR Act and other legislation;

· Strengthen legislative provisions to intervene directly in provincial and local government;

· Re-organise the department to better provide hands-on support to provinces and municipalities;

· Strengthen and support institutional and co-operative governance capacity;

· Enhance monitoring and oversight of provincial and local government; and

· Strengthening of the capacity of provinces to achieve clean audits and to support and oversee municipalities in relation to financial management.

The Turn-Around Strategy for Local Government which will be finalized in December 2009 will bring Provinces centre stage in their revived role of municipal support and oversight. All sector departments, the Offices of the Premiers and the Provincial Treasuries will work cooperatively with local and national spheres of government to strengthen and stabilise our municipalities.

Finally, the national Department intends to establish offices in each province which enable the Department to playa stronger complementary support and monitoring role with regard to the support that must be given to provinces and municipalities

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QUESTION NO 1892
(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)

Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**
1. Whether he will take any steps with regard to the Sedibeng Local municipality's inability to prevent spillages from the regional sewerage works due to a lack of funds; if not, (a) why not and (b) who will be held responsible; if so, what steps;

2. whether he and or his department intends giving assistance to the communities of Emfuleni and Midvaal if the target is not met and spillages occur; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

3. Where and (b) when will the funding for the project be sourced from? NW2454E

**Answer**1. (a) The Minister of cooperative government and traditional Affairs has conducted a Water and Sanitation Audit, to establish the state of infrastructure in the country. In terms of the National Water Act and Water Services Act, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs has already taken legal action against both Emfuleni Local Municipality and Midvaal Local Municipalities to enforce legislative compliance at affected Waste Water treatment Works in the region.

2. (b)This process is running parallel to the support programme to these municipalities to ensure that sustainable compliance is attained to protect the natural water resource (Vaal River and Vaal Barrage) in this area.2.1 The Gauteng Department and the Department of Water Affairs in collaboration with the CoGT A have provided technical experts to support the municipality to:

 Conduct root cause analysis at all regional water care works and to identify priority short term measures to arrest non compliance in terms of effluent, plant status and staff compliance.

 Implement all priority measures as a matter of emergency procurement, where necessary

 Assist Emfuleni Local Municipality to procure the services of Rand Water to take over the operations and management of all non compliant waste water treatment plants to compliment the human capacity of Emfuleni as well as providing expertise to implement interim priority measures required

3. (a) and (b) The Department of Water and Environmental Affairs Department has provided funding to both Emfuleni and Midvaal in the amount of R17m to implement priority measures necessary **in**the short term to arrest the situation, with necessary support from Rand Water and experts referred to above.

The Gauteng Provincial Governmental provided an amount of R50m in last financial year to assist the Municipalities to procure expertise to implement a long term solution in accordance with applicable legislation (MFMA, MSA, Water Services Act, etc.). This process is currently in progress with the following being the key deliverables:

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**QUESTION NO 1891**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional**

**Affairs:**

1. Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 1323 on 14 October 2009, he has been informed of the report on the visit of the Minister of Human Settlements to Thokoza on the East Rand; if so, what (a) action will be taken and (b) are the further relevant details;

2. whether he has been informed of the conditions under which these individuals are living; if so,

3. whether any action will be taken to address the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2453E

**Answer**

1. The Minister is aware of the report on the visit of the Minister of Human Settlements in Thokoza and it is the jurisdiction of the Minister of Human Settlement to implement the recommendations of the report and actions.
2. The report entails the state of affairs in as far as hostel settlement is concerned;

3. The Minister of Human Settlement is well positioned to address the situation and such details reside with the Ministry.

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**QUESTION NO 1890**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional**

**Affairs:**

1. (a) Who were the members of the task team that was sent to Sakhile township in Mpumalanga after the violent demonstrations in September and October 2009 and (b) on what basis was every individual included in the task team;

2. (a) what did the task team investigate, (b) who did the task team report back to, (c)

when did they report back and (d) what were their findings;

3. whether any of the rioters have been identified; if not, why not; if so,

4. whether any action will be taken against them; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

5. whether he has visited the area and addressed the community; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2452E

**Answer**

1. (a) The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional, following the unrest in Sakhile township of Lekwa Municipality, comprised a team of experts comprising of senior officials in the national and provincial government to support the municipality to Acting Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The Department further appointed a Financial Task Team which was led by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to do a financial analysis of the municipality. (b) The members of the task team were chosen based on their expertise dictated by the situation in the Municipality.

2. (a) Investigate and resolve the challenges arising from the reported highly misstated consumer accounts. (b) The task team reported to the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs. (c) The ask Team reported during the Month of October.

3. The SAPS is investigating the riots and they are currently dealing with the rioters in terms of the law.

4. The response on question 3 addresses the concern on question 4.

5. No visit was undertaken specifically by the Minister to address the community but this was done by the Premier and the ruling party with the support of the Minister.

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QUESTION NO 510

(Internal Question Paper No 6 - 2009)

Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**Whether any function was organised to mark the occasion of the delivery of his budget vote in 2009; if so, (a) what total amount was spent on this function, (b) from which budget was the money allocated, (c) what amount was spent on (i) food and refreshments, (ii) venue, (iii) entertainment, (iv) staff and (v) transport and (d) how many persons were invited to attend this function? NW573E

**ANSWER**A function was organised to mark the occasion of the delivery of the Minister's budget vote in 2009.

(a) Total amount spent on the function: R 67 768.70

(b) The amount was allocated from departmental activities budget. (c) Amount spent on:-

(i) Food and refreshments: R 42 812.50

(ii) Venue: R 2 169.70

(iii) Entertainment: R 22 786.50

(iv) Staff: N/A

(v) Transport: N/A

(d) 125 persons were invited to attend the function.

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**QUESTION NO 444**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr T Botha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(a) What were the achievements of the urban renewal programme in the cities that were targeted for renewal and (b) what monetary support was given to each approved site? NW505E

**Answer**

(a) There have been significant achievements in the nodal areas. Eight urban nodes were established in 2001 with the intention to "conduct a sustained campaign against urban poverty and underdevelopment, bringing in the resources of all three spheres of government in a co-ordinated manner' (State of the Nation Address, 2001). In 2008, a survey 1 done by the Department of Social Development (DSD) found that poverty levels in the urban nodes (with the exception of Kwa Mashu, where demarcation is impacting on the data) dropped significantly, compared to Census information from 1996 and 2001.

The poverty index on which this finding was based included 10 variables namely, incidence of female-headed households, illiteracy, unemployment, lack of household income, over-crowding, informal or traditional dwellings, lack of sanitation, water below RDP standards, lack of electricity for lighting purposes, and lack of refuse removal. The following graph illustrates the drop in poverty levels found in the urban nodes:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Khayelitsha | 31.8 | 31.5 | 22.3 |
| Galeshewe | 23.2 | 23.4 | 20 |
| Inanda\* | 55.4 | 40.5 | 26.9 |
| Mdantsane | 32.8 | 28.6 | 17.6 |
| Alexandra | 26.5 | 24.4 | 18.2 |
| Mitchell's Plain\* | 22.6 | 20.3 | 8.6 |
| Motherwell | 22.4 | 30.7 | 16.3 |
| Kwa Mashu\* | 18.2 | 24.5 | 18.7 |
| ALL URP nodes | 29.2 | 27.1 | 18.7 |

**\*Demarcation impacting on data**

**For an example, in Alexandra, City of Johannesburg, the percentage of households:**

* living in informal dwellings were reduced from 32.3% in 2001 to 14.8% by 2008
* without flush or chemical toilets were reduced from 12.6% in 2001 to 3.6% by 2008
* without tap water inside their dwellings or on site were reduced from 27.3% in 2001 to 9.2% by 2008
* without electricity for lighting purposes were reduced from 27.9% in 2001 to 1.2% by 2008 .
* dwellings or on site were reduced from 68.3% in 2001 to 24.8% by 2008
* without electricity for lighting purposes were reduced from 29.7% in 2001 to 8.4% by 2008

**In Khayelitsha, City of Cape Town, the percentage of households**

* living in informal dwellings were reduced from 66.6% in 2001 to 50% by 2008
* without flush or chemical toilets were reduced from 35% in 2001 to 15.6% by 2008
* without tap water inside their dwellings or on site were reduced from 38.5% in 2001 to 18.4% by 2008 .
* without electricity for lighting purposes were reduced from 23.9% in 2001 to 8.4% by 2008
* without regular refuse removal by the local authority from 5% in 2001 to 2.8% by 2008

(b) The urban nodes have over the years attracted some funding despite the programme not having a dedicated fund. The socio-economic projects were funded from different sources including Municipal Infrastructure Grant, Neighbourhood Partnership Development Grant and the European Union. Some examples of funding flows are depicted in the Tables here**Tables**

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**QUESTION NO 449**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. How many municipalities against which protest actions were launched between 1 June 2004 and 30 June 2009 (a) were incorporated in Project Consolidated and (b) remain part of the Five-year Strategic Agenda for Local Government

;

2. which of the municipalities where incidents of rioting, demonstrations and protest actions because of no or poor service delivery took place is experiencing a shortage of municipal staff and (b) what is the shortage in each municipality;

3. at which of the municipalities where incidents of rioting, demonstrations and protest actions because of no or poor service delivery took place (a) did service delivery improve or (b) were services delivered regarding which protest actions took place in order to prevent new incidents? NW510E

**Answer**

1. A total of about 14 municipalities were part of Project Consolidate and the same number still remains part of the 5Year Strategic Agenda for Local Government,

2. The department has not conducted a comprehensive analysis of the municipal organizational structures in terms of funded and filled posts at municipal level. Currently the department does not possess information on whether the 14 municipalities are experiencing shortage of municipal staff.

3. Services continue to be provided by these municipalities and where there were deficiencies municipalities are managing communication with communities to prevent re-occurrence or occurrence of protests. Most of these issues will guide and form part of the municipal specific turn-around strategies.

**Question 266**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**266. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 482]**

(a) How much was spent by his department on consultants in the 2008-09 financial year and (b) what was the brief of each consultant contract? NW544E

**ANSWER**

(a) The department spent R45.8 million on consultants in the 2008/09 financial year. Refer to note 5.3 of the financial statements on page 213 of the 2008/09 Annual Report.

(b) The detail of the brief of each consultant contract is reflected in Chapter 4, pages 366 to 376 of the 2008/09 Annual Report.

**Question 265**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**265. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 481]**

(a) How many professionals and experts were deployed under programmes of his department at municipalities as at 31 March 2009 and (b) what is the total number of municipalities for each province they were deployed in? NW543E

**ANSWER**

(a) As of March 2009, about 1283 technical expert and/or professionals had been deployed to 268 municipalities (including the 139 Project Consolidate municipalities). This is the cumulative number since the launch of Project Consolidate in 2004 and includes all associated programmes, e.g. Siyenza Manje & Ilima Trust.

(b) The total number of municipalities that received support through deployments per province can be broken down as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Province | Number of Municipalities received support |
| Easter Cape | 42 |
| Free State | 23 |
| Gauteng | 20 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 54 |
| Limpopo | 31 |
| Mpumalanga | 22 |
| North West | 25 |
| Northern Cape | 21 |
| Western Cape | 30 |

Some municipalities received two or three deployees covering expert areas of Development Planning, Financial Management, Civil Engineering and Project Management. This includes Young Professionals and Artisans.

**QUESTION NO 807

(Internal Question Paper No 9 - 2009)

Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**
(1) (a) In how many municipalities (i) have qualified engineers been appointed in the works department and (ii) have no engineers been appointed and (b) why no engineers have been appointed:

(2) Whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**ANSWER**
(1) (a) (i) In 244 municipalities qualified engineers have been appointed.

(ii) About 33 municipalities currently do not have qualified engineers.

(b) There is a general lack of technical skills in the country. This is further exacerbated by the fact some Engineers join the consulting industry. However, municipalities are engaged in a process of recruiting and attracting qualified engineers.

(2) Since the Minister took over, he has identified the challenge of attracting scarce professional skills as fundamental towards strengthening service delivery capacity. The Minister has engaged other line ministries in order to coordinate programmes and resources in particular, Department of Water Affairs and Environment. National Treasury, Human Settlements, Public Works etc. the Local Government Recovery Plan to be informed by current assessment of the state of local government in South Africa shall provide a structured and sustainable strategy to address this matter.

**QUESTION NO 689

(Internal Question Paper No 7 - 2009)

Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**Whether, in light of the current recession and the consequent shortfall in state revenue, his department has introduced any austerity measures to reduce its expenditure with regard to (a) official vehicles, (b) travel, (c) travel by departmental officials, (d) accommodation and household help or (e) any other aspects of government business; if not, what is the position in

this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

**ANSWER**Yes

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has planned workshops on travel matters to implement the travel cost containment strategy by end of September 2009. This covers the use of hired vehicles, air travel, venue hiring, hotel accommodation and other travel related matters.

(a) Considering group travel instead of hiring individual vehicles

(b) Introducing advance booking for travel to cut costs on flights tickets.

(c) To reduce the number of officials to travel when attending meetings

(d) Consider the cost-effective graded hotel accommodation by officials.

(e) Utilising internal venues for meetings and teleconferencing facilities is the first priority before considering external conference venues.

**Question 281**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**281. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 909]**

(1) Whether his Director-General signed a performance contract with him; if not, why not; if so, when;

(2) whether all senior managers in his department signed performance contracts with the Director-General; if not, (a) which senior managers did not sign, (b) for what reason and (c) when will it be done; if so, on which date did each senior manager sign a performance contract? NW1065E

**ANSWER**

(1) No, the Director-General left the Department on 30 June 2009. The Acting Director-General however signed a Performance Agreement on 1 July 2009.

(a) Director: Youth HIV and Aids Programmes/Director: Local Government Organisational Development Systems. (b) Resignation/Maternity leave. (c) October 2009 for senior manager, who was on maternity leave, the other 103 Performance Agreements were signed by senior managers on dates varying between 1 April to 31 July 2009.

**Question 282**

**282. Ms M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 925]**

(1) Whether, with reference to the salary negotiations between the SA Local Government Association (Salga) and municipal workers, municipalities will receive additional funding; if not, how will the salary increase be funded; if so, (a) who will provide the additional funding and (b) what will be the impact of the allocation of additional funding;

(2) whether implementation of the salary increase will result in further strains on service delivery; if not, (a) why not and (b) from which municipal budgets will funds be allocated to fund the increase in salaries and wages; if so, (a) what action will be taken to reduce the impact on service delivery as a result of the increase of salaries and wages, (b) from which municipal budgets will funds be allocated for the increase and (c) who mandated Salga to negotiate up to a 13% salary and wage increase? NW1081E

**ANSWER**

(1) Municipalities do not, as a norm, get funding for salaries from National Fiscus. They fund these from their own revenue. There is no evidence of necessity for additional funding than what Municipalities have budgeted for in this respect.

The increases are funded from the general revenue of each municipality.

(2) (a) Strains that may be there on service delivery would not have been caused solely by salary increases. The inadequate nature of the Equitable Share, as it relies on 2001 Census data, contribute to a greater degree to the insufficient funding of local government. (b) As indicated above, Municipalities budget, normally under personnel administration, for salary increases and that is the budget they use for this purpose. (c) To start with, the agreement is not a direct 13% as the question says but a 10.5% normal increase with a non - pensionable allowance of 2,5%. There is a huge financial difference between the two with 13 % the bill would have gone up by R5,522,400.000 while the current formulation makes a saving of R162,000,000 as the bill increases by about R5,360,400,000. The sum total of the current formulation is an overall average increase of about 11.75%.

SALGA followed a vigorous mandating process with its members, the Municipalities on every step of this sensitive matter. Key highlights of such mandating process were, where 66% of its members agreed to the mediators proposal where the increases had to be 11.5% for 2009/2010, CPI + 2010/11 and CPI 2011/12.

When that did not result in an agreement and a strike ensued, a revised Mediator Proposal was for payment of 11.5% with an additional 1.5% in January 2010. SALGA again sought a mandate and a majority responded favorably thereto.

Of the 283 Municipalities, only one has applied for exemption from the provisions of this agreement on basis that it may not afford to pay same. All others have not. Lastly and by comparison, Local government salary increases were at 8.3% in 2008/09 while other employers were at double digit percentages.

A comparison of local government and Public Service for 2008/09 ( 8.3% Local Government and 10.5% Public Service) and 2009/10 ( average 11.75% local Government and 11.5% public Service reveals that local government salaries are conservative by about 1%. The minimum wage for both is fairly comparable.

**Question 284**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**284. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1003]**

Whether any municipalities were placed under administration (a) in (i) 2006, (ii) 2007 and (iii) 2008 and (b) during the period 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (aa) which municipalities, (bb) what are the reasons for being placed under administration in each case and (cc) what actions has been or will be taken against officials and councillors for creating this situation in each case? NW1226E

**ANSWER**

In 2006 no municipality was placed under administration; and

In 2007, 5 municipalities were placed under administration that included Amajuba District Municipality, Umzinyathi, Newcastle, Uthrecht and Oudtshoorn Local Municipalities; and

For the year 2008, five municipalities were placed under administration that included Xhariep District Municipality, Ditsobotla, Mohokare, Mbombela and Mkondo Local Municipalities; and (b)(aa) 1 January 2009 to date, seven municipalities were placed under administration that included Ngaka Modiri Molema and Alfred Nzo District Municipalities, Kou-Kamma, Mnquma, Pixley ka Seme, Lekwa and Nokeng Tsa Taemane Local Municipalities.

The cross cutting reasons were challenges in terms of (1) Governance that included political infightings, conflict between top management and councillors, HR management; (2) Financial - that included fraud and misuse of municipal funds and property, lack of proper financial systems, revenue collections, A-G disclaimers; and (3) Service delivery related to section 152/153 of the Constitution that clearly set out the service delivery obligations of municipalities.

Actions taken in each municipality ranged from taking away executive powers of the officials in the municipalities, suspensions to dismissals of officials in certain municipalities.

**Question 287**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**287. Mr T Botha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1029]**

(1) Whether the monitoring of intergovernmental relations and the performance of provincial government had allowed his department to discover problems early enough for quick and timely remedial actions; if so, (a) which problems were discovered in each province through the monitoring programmes and (b)(i) how, (ii) when and (iii) to what extent were these problems corrected and resolved; if not,

(2) whether he has taken any steps to ensure the value of having such a monitoring service in his department; if not, why not; if so, what steps? NW1267E

**ANSWER**

The Constitution gives national government the power to monitor the performance of provinces and municipalities, intervene when it is necessary to correct institutional failures, and a duty to support these spheres to develop their capacity. We recognized that this area was not fully exercised to enable us to better monitor and support provinces with challenges they encounter.

The Department will be partnering with both the Ministry on Performance Monitoring to build a stronger system of intergovernmental supervision. Part of the problem has been that there has been no national legislation regulating monitoring and intervention powers and this has led to inconsistent approaches, with no clear links between monitoring frameworks and programmes of support.

The expanded mandate of the department to focus on cooperative governance means that we will be presenting a Green Paper on Cooperative Governance during the course of next year. This Green Paper will propose how improved monitoring of provinces will be conducted in respect to intergovernmental performance.

Preliminary performance indicators for the practice of effective intergovernmental relations have been drafted, and these will be further developed in relation to the strengthening of sector coordination and oversight. The 'voluntarism' in the IGR system has allowed for the situation where provincial 'discretion' in the management of government budgets and programmes has allowed for a problematic in how monitoring of performance is intergovernmentally conceptualized.

**Question 288**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**288. Mr T Botha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1030]**

Whether the management, coordination and monitoring of the effectiveness of the integrated implementation of the urban renewal programme has resulted in improvements in the urban landscape; if not, why not; if so, (a) what improvements were achieved, (b) what monetary support was given to each approved site and (c) to what extent had the programme achieved its objectives? NW1268E

**ANSWER**

(a) (c) Certainly the urban renewal programme made its impact in the urban landscape. The anchor projects were identified to attract and mobilise a range of multi-sectoral developments with government creating enabling conditions. Let me cite two of the projects as examples that improved the urban landscape and demonstrate of programme achievements.

In Alexandra a London Road and Bridge project is an example:

Vehicle and pedestrian connectivity both within Alexandra and to the greater regional economy has substantially improved through the construction of major roads and bridges. Some 95% of the formal road infrastructure has been upgraded and tarred, with 22 km of sidewalks (pavements) created and paved. The construction of London Road linking Alexandra to both the N3 and M2 highways in particular and the upgrading of the road network in general have increased the linkage into the regional economy of sidewalks (pavements) created and paved. The construction of London Road linking Alexandra to both the N3 and M2 highways in particular and the upgrading of the road network in general have increased the linkage into the regional economy.

The Khayelitsha Central Business District is also a case in point.

The 17 500m² retail centre was completed in December 2006 at a total capital cost of R86,5 million. This project is establishing a mixed-use, viable and vibrant Central Business District (CBD) for the residents of Khayelitsha, in which the local community participates and is empowered to take up economic opportunities.

(b) Significant funding from various sources including Municipal Infrastructure Grant, Neighborhood Partnership Grant, European Union contributed in monetary terms to the programme.

**Question 289**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**289 Mr T Botha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1031]**

Whether his department's programmes of support and capacity building to local government over 15 years have achieved the objective of sound Intergovernmental fiscal relations; if not, why not; if so, what are the statistics informing his response? NW1269E

**ANSWER**

Intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR) is one part of the larger framework of Intergovernmental Relations.

The department had and has a number of programmes to mention a few – Masakhane Campaign, Project Viability, Project Consolidate, Municipal Infrastructure Programme, MIG, Local Government Equitable Share, 5 Year Local Government Strategic Agenda, Operation Clean Audit and the Revenue Enhancement and Debt Collection Programme.

The Department is presently preparing a discussion document on key reforms that need to addressed in the area of IGFR. Key challenges in this regard include:

1. Resource allocation does not take spatial differences & realities into account, e.g. topography, vastness
2. Vertical allocation: steady increase, but limited slice of the national fiscus to local government
3. Misaligned budgeting and planning across the three spheres of government
4. Equitable share and its formula does not address the real needs of small, rural municipalities with limited revenue base
5. Grants coordination, management and compliance is weak. Limited provincial role.

Some areas of proposed reform include:

 Consider long term fiscal planning (5-15 years) to be balanced with the current skills base; this will give even greater predictability to local government

* DORA: Address non-compliance; review grant conditionalities & improve coordination
* Explore specific target financial instruments to support (smaller rural) municipalities with a limited revenue base

**Question 290**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**290. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1057]**

(a) Which local municipalities are being considered for becoming metros, (b) what are the considerations in each case, (c) what are the processes for affecting such a change and (d) for when is it planned in each case? NW1317E

**ANSWER**

I am aware that the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) has taken a decision last year considering the municipalities of Mangaung, Buffalo City and Msunduzi as metros by year 2011. As part of the engagements with MDB, we are assessing the circumstances closely and will make a statement when appropriate and necessary.

**Question 295**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**295. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1118]**

(1) With regard to a certain tender (details furnished) for the management of 21 water and 10 waste water treatment facilities and associated bulk infrastructure, what is the average lead time for (a) advertising, (b) receiving, (c) accepting and (d) finalizing tender bids;

(2) whether there are any reasons for the lead time of the said tender being short; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) (a) who were the bidders for the said tender, (b) to whom was the said tender awarded, (c) who are the (i) owners/directors and (ii) subsidiaries of the successful bid company and (iii) owners/directors of these subsidiaries, (d) what are the details of the contract of the said tender and (e) what is the total amount of this contract? NW1383E

**ANSWER**

I am currently verifying the details associated to this question and will be ready to provide a comprehensive response once completed and satisfied in due course.

**QUESTION NO. 297

(Internal Question Paper No 5- 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**Whether his department is playing a role in the planning for disaster management of the host cities for the 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer tournament; if not; why not; if so; what are the relevant details?

**ANSWER**
Yes, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs is playing a role in the planning for disaster management of the host cities for the 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer tournament through the National Disaster Management Centre (NOMC) as part of the Safety and Security Workstream of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The involvement of the NDMC revolves mainly around the strategic level and not so much at a tactical and/or operational level.

The NOMC is supporting the provinces and host cities in developing disaster management plans as well as contingency plans for identified risks related to the 2010 FIFA World Cup Tournament.

**Question 298**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**298. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1172]**

Whether his department uses temporary employment services and/or labour brokers; if so, (a) why, (b) how many positions have been filled by temporary employment services in the (i) 2006-07, (ii) 2007-08 and (iii) 2008-09 financial years, (c) what percentage of the total staff complement did temporary employment services contribute in each of these years and (d) how much money has been spent on temporary employment services in each year? NW1507E

**ANSWER**

(a) Temporary support staff is appointed through temporary employment services in cases where permanent staff is on long leave due to incapacity, maternity leave, special leave, etc and in cases where support staff is temporarily needed for special projects.

(b) None, temporary staff is not appointed in permanent positions since their services are only needed for specific periods and projects.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) 2006/07 R1 441 609

2007/08 R2 110 401

2008/09 R2 552 027

**Question 299**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**299.Ms M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1194]**

Whether, in each of the 216 municipalities in the country, in each of the past three years, the mayors of each municipality purchased a new official vehicle; if not, what vehicle is each mayor using; if so, (a) what is the (i) make, (ii) model and (iii) year and (b) at what (i) cost and (ii) what accessories, including extras, were included at an additional cost? NW1533E

**ANSWER**

Due to the extensive information required, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs is currently conducting research in this respect and details regarding the above question will be provided to the Honourable Member once the required information has been obtained.

**Question 280**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**280. Ms M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 890]**

(1) Whether any assessments were done by him or his predecessor on municipalities around the country; if so, (a) what was the nature of each assessment, (b) when was each done, (c) what was the cost involved in each assessment, (d) who were the stakeholders in each assessment and (e) what steps were taken regarding the (i) outcomes and (ii) recommendations of each assessment;

(2) whether opposition parties were involved in (a) previous and (b) current assessments; if not, why not; if so, which opposition parties? NW1043E

**ANSWER**

(1) Yes. (a) The then dplg undertook assessments on the status of Local Government prior to the inception of Project Consolidate in 2004 and the 5 year Strategic Local Government Agenda in 2006. These previous assessments relied on information gathered by existing reporting systems and therefore were unable to unearth the acuteness and scope of challenges at Municipal level.

On the 7th of July 2009 I wrote a letter to provincial MECs responsible for Local Government, communicating the need to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the state of governance and service delivery in municipalities. These assessments focussed on the following categories:

· Governance;

· Financial Management;

· Service Delivery;

· Labour related matters.

The following elements were identified as key to the assessment process:

· The provinces must lead the process;

· Provincial Task Teams must be established to undertake the assessment;

· The assessment must take place through interactive sessions and direct engagements, and not through desktop research;

· All key stakeholders at municipal level must be engaged with: caucus/councils, senior management, unions, traditional leaders, opposition parties and communities;

· A report must be submitted on the engagements covering the underlying causes of the challenges and weaknesses in governance and service delivery, as well as the development of a support plan that identifies the actions and required support measures from national and provincial government, and other stakeholders; and

· The report with recommendations must be signed off by the Provincial Executive Council and finally be submitted to the National Minister.

(b) From late July 2009 until the end of August 2009, teams composed of officials from COGTA and the Provincial Departments of Local Government visited the provinces to conduct in-depth municipal assessments per province. In the case of the North West, an assessment was already completed during March and April 2009 by the Task Team lead by myself, while the Western Cape commenced with their assessment only in September 2009.

(c) The assessments were conducted within the normal budget for interaction between the three (3) spheres of government. No external service providers were used during these assessments.

(d) All key stakeholders at municipal level were engaged e.g. caucus/councils, senior management, unions, traditional leaders, opposition parties and communities.

(e)(i) Reports compiled by each provincial team and the provincial departments were submitted to COGTA. Theses reports investigated the underlying causes of the challenges and weaknesses of governance and service delivery in terms of the institutional capacity and capability financial challenges and the political environment. Provinces also reported on the State of Local Government in each province and the process undertaken at the COGTA Technical Minmec held on 22 September 2009. These Reports are now being assessed and consolidated into a draft report by COGTA. A National Indaba on Local Government was held on 21 and 22 October 2009. At this Indaba government a draft 'State of Local Government Report was presented.

(e)(ii) The outcomes of these provincial municipal assessments will culminate in the development of a national Local Government Turn Around Strategy (2009-2011). The turn around strategy will be based on objective conditions and evidence-based assessment that highlights weaknesses and challenges and what needs to be done to reverse the dire situation in our municipalities. COGTA will partner with key stakeholders to develop and implement the Turn Around Strategy. The National Indaba on Local Government received inputs for the Turn Around of Local Government.

(2) (a) Not applicable. (b) Provincial assessment teams were specifically requested to engage with all key stakeholders including opposition parties.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 1634**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) Whether his department developed and adopted a policy providing guidelines for the

appointment of persons with a criminal record; if so, (a) when was the policy (i) developed and (ii) adopted and (b) where can a copy of the policy be obtained; if not,

(2) whether his department has any plans in place to develop and adopt such a policy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether his department does any pre-employment screening of potential employees for criminal records; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether any employees with criminal records are currently employed by his department; if so, (a) how many and (b) what is their (i) job level and (ii) occupational category? NW2040E

**Answer**

1. The department does not have an approved policy on criminal record checks.

2. The department will be re-enforcing the pre-screening to include SAPS criminal records and will be implementing the policy from 1 April 2010 as part of Minimum Information Requirements.

3. The department currently conducts reference checks criminal check and disciplinary cases checks in the case of posts of HoDs and DOGs.

4. Since the department has not implemented the criminal record checks, it is not aware of any person employed with criminal record in the current establishment.

**QUESTION NO 1038

(Internal Question Paper No XXX - 2009)

Ms H N Ndude (Cope) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**Whether he has been informed of the concerns of environmentalists with regard to the impact of municipal pollution and sewer spillages on our natural resources; if so, what steps has he taken to ring fence intergovernmental grants for maintaining and extending municipal infrastructure?

**ANSWER / REPL Y**Yes, both the Ministry and the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs are informed of the concerns of environmentalists with regard to the impact of municipal pollution and sewer spillages on our natural resources.

In fact, the Department has already undertaken a national audit of bulk water and sanitation in the country together with Department of Water and Environmental Affairs in Limpopo Province. This study has assessed, inter alia, the maintenance needs for this bulk infrastructure.

At present there are no ring-fenced intergovernmental grants for maintenance. However, the Department is finalizing its local government assessment to inform a turn around strategy that will include amongst other things, a review of the fiscal environment impacting on municipalities including infrastructure maintenance.

Currently, municipalities have access to the local government equitable share and own revenue for infrastructure maintenance. The Department has also mobilized numerous support initiatives to assist municipalities with infrastructure management.

With regard to infrastructure extension, national government is contributing through the following intergovernmental grants:

 Municipal Infrastructure Grant which is managed by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs;

* Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant which is managed by Department of Water and Environmental Affairs;
* Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant which is managed by the National Treasury; and
* Integrated National Electrification Programme Grant which is managed by the Department of Energy.

**QUESTION NO 1037
(Internal Question Paper No - 2009)
Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**How many municipalities did not get their valuation rolls done by 31 July 2009 in order to implement the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, Act 6 of 2004?

**ORAL REPLY**Based on the information provided by the provincial departments responsible for local government, as at 29 May 2009, there were seventeen (17) municipalities that would not successfully implement the Act on 1 July 2009 due to the fact that they did not appropriately compile new valuation rolls in terms of the Act. Of these, twelve (12) municipalities had previously levied rates in terms of old provincial ordinances. Five (5) municipalities had never rated before.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**
**WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1036

(Internal Question Paper No XXX - 2009)

Mr J H van der Merwe (lFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**(a) How many strikes caused by an alleged lack of service delivery took place during the period 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what were the demands made during each strike and (c) what was the estimated loss suffered by the State during this period?

**REPLY / ANSWER**To our knowledge a strike will refer to workers protesting for particular demands. This being our interpretation, we haven't yet received a reported case about workers striking because their municipality is not providing services or because of alleged lack of service delivery.

We however, have established the task team inclusive of the two main municipal unions launched on the 5th of August 2009 referred to as Ministerial Strategic Team. The MST comprise of South African Municipal Workers Union ["SAMWU], Independent Municipal and Allied Trade Union ["IMATU"], SALGA, National Treasury [NT], Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Department of Public Services & Administration [DPSA].

The Strategic Team is guided by the terms of reference that essentially call for:

* conducting impact assessment of the global economic meltdown on the viability of the Municipalities;
* investigation of the genesis of the current service delivery challenges;
* assisting the stakeholders to develop the turnaround strategy in the local government;
* enhancement of the relationship between SALGA and organised labour both nationally and provincially; and
* Undertaking the comparative assessment of the wage gap between the highest paid employee and lowest salaried worker in Municipalities.

QUESTION NO 786

(Internal Question Paper No 9 - 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) Which municipalities were in arrears with their levies to the SA Local Government Association for the 2008-09 financial year and (b) how are the levies currently calculated?

ANSWER

(a)

1. EASTERN CAPE = 26

2. FREE STATE = 11

3. GAUTENG = Nil

4. KWAZULU NATAL = n/a

5. LIMPOPO = 6

6. MPUMALANGA = 2 7

7. NORTHERN CAPE = 18

8. NORTH WEST = 7

9. WESTERN CAPE = 9

TOTAL = 79

(B) The levy formula is as follows for the 2009/10 financial year:

Local Municipalities = 0,05% of its salary budget (minimum threshold of R100, 000) District Municipalities = 0.6% of its salary budget (minimum threshold of R120, 000) Metropolitan Municipalities = R8, 500 000 Flat rate

QUESTION NO 785

(Internal Question Paper No 9 - 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(a) Which 32 municipalities and (b) in which provinces had funds stopped in terms of section 27 of the Division of Revenue Act, Act 2 of 2008, in the 2008-09 financial year as part of their municipal infrastructure grant

ANSWER

Funds were stopped in 33 and not 32 municipalities in terms of section 27 of the Division of Revenue Act, Act 2 of 2008, in the 2008-09 financial year as part of their municipal infrastructure grant. Funds were stopped in 33 municipalities in 9 Provinces as per the table below:

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| **b) PROVINCE** | **a) MUNICIPALITY** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 1. Ikwezi |
| 2. Makana |
| 3. Koukamma |
| 4. Nkonkobe |
| FREE STATE | 5. Mohokare |
| 6. Matjhabeng |
| 7. Nala |
| 8. Ngwathe |
| 9. Mafube |
| GAUTENG | 10. City of Johannesburg |
| 11. West Rand DM |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 12. Umtshezi |
| 13. Newcastle |
| 14. Umhlabuyalingana |
| LIMPOPO | 15. Makhuduthamaga |
| 16. Molemole |
| 17. Capricorn DM |
| 18. Modimolle |
| MPUMALANGA | 19. Govan Mbeki |
| 20. Emalahleni |
| 21. Emakhazeni |
| 22. Mbombela |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 23. Kamiesberg |
| 24. Khai-Ma |

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| b) PROVINCE | a) MUNICIPALITY |
|  | 25. Ubuntu |
| 26. Umsobomvu |
| 27. Emthanjeni |
| 28. Thembelihle |
| 29.Sivancuma |
| 30. Sol Plaatie |
| 31. Frances Baard DM |
| NORTH WEST | 32. Naledi |
| WESTERN CAPE | 33. Hessequa |

QUESTION NO 784

(Internal Question Paper No 9 - 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

(1) Whether the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities have been suspended; if so, for what reasons;

(2) whether any steps have been or will be taken against the CEO; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

ANSWER

(1) No, the CEO's was never suspended, but the contract lapsed on 31 July 2009.

(2) No steps will be taken as the contract legally came to an end and a new process of appointing new CEO is in place.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 1545**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

1. Whether he will put any mechanisms in place to monitor the establishment of Municipal Public Accounts Committees in all municipalities that will be chaired by a member of the opposition party; if not, why not; if so, what mechanisms;

2. Whether any action will be taken against municipalities that do not comply in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what action?

**Answer**

1. The department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs together with SALGA and Provincial Departments of Local Government have developed draft framework for establishment of Municipal Public Accounts Committees in municipalities. The support and monitoring of the establishment of MPACs will be done as part of the provincial and national programme i.e. Monthly quarterly reports submitted by Councils

2. All municipalities that will not comply will be engaged and supported to ensure establishment of MPACs through intervention of the provinces and national government working together.

**QUESTION NO 751

(Internal Question Paper No 9 - 2009)

Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**(1) Whether all provinces have established disaster management centres in accordance with section 29 of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002; if not, (a) which provinces have not yet done so and (b) what action is being taken to ensure that such centres are established; if so, what are the relevant details per province;

(2) whether all municipalities have established disaster management centres in accordance with section 43 of the Act; if not, (a) which municipalities have not yet done so and (b) what action is being taken to ensure that such centres are established;

(3) whether all provinces have submitted acceptable and appropriate disaster management plans to the national centre in accordance with section 38 of the Act; if not, (a) which provinces have not submitted acceptable and appropriate plans to the national centre and (b) what action is being taken to ensure that such acceptable and appropriate disaster management plans are in place; if so, what are the relevant details per province;

(4) whether all municipalities have submitted acceptable and appropriate disaster management plans to the national centre in accordance with section 53 of the Act; if not, which municipalities have not submitted acceptable and appropriate plans to the national centre; if so, what are the relevant details;

(5) whether all (a) provinces and (b) municipalities have submitted annual reports to the national centre in accordance with sections 36 and 50 of the Act; if not, which (i) provinces and (ii) municipalities have not submitted acceptable and appropriate plans to the national centre; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

**ANSWER**
(1) Not all provinces have established disaster management centres in accordance with section 29 of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002.

(a) The Northern Cape is the only province that has not yet established a disaster management centre. The reason being financial and capacity constraints. Mpumalanga Province currently operates a satellite centre. The permanent centre is under construction and will be completed at the end of November 2009.

(b) Several discussions have been held and submissions have been made to National Treasury in an attempt to secure funds to assist provinces to establish fully operational disaster management centres.

(c) The relevant details of the Provincial Disaster Management Centres that have been established are as follows:

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| Province | Physical Address | Tel/Cell | e-mail address | Head of Centre/Comments |  |
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| Eastern Cape | Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Ground FloorTyamzashe BuidingBisho | 0824953107 | peter.hlazo@dhlgta.ecape.gov.za | Mr Peter HlazoThe Department is also intending to establish a stand alone Disaster Management Centre.The Department of Public Works is assisting in this regard. |  |
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| Free State | Provincial DisasterManagement CentreMANCOFS BuildingDr. Belcher RoadPelonomi HospitalBloemfontein | 0828256514 | princess@lgh.fs.gov.za | Ms Princess Sekulisa |  |
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| Gauteng | Cnr Tonnetti / OldPretoria RoadContinuity SAUnit 4Midrand | 082 785 1950 | colin.deiner@gauteng.gov.za | Mr Colin Deiner |  |
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| KwaZulu- Natal | Wadley House115 Jabu NdlovuStreetPietermaritzbura | 033-897 5670082 955 1056 | Mthokozisi.duze@kznlgta.gov.za | Mr Mthokozisi Duze |  |
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| Limpopo Province | 20th -12 AvenueIndustriaPolokwane0701 | 015-284 5270083 290 3570 | Makhurupetjemg@limdlgh.gov.za | Ms MG Makhurupelje |  |
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| Mpumalanga | Satellite Centre:MbombelaStationFire150 Henshall StreetNelspruit | 082476001 | sdhludhlu@mpg.gov.za | Mr Slykie DhludhluThe permanent Centre is under construction.The project will be completed in November 2009. |  |
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| North West | Temporary Centre:36 James WattCrescentMafikeng | 083 654 8946 | tthomas@nwpg.gov.za | Acting Head:Mr T Watson-ThomasLand has been secured. Awaiting capital funds to build the permanent disaster manaaement centre. |  |
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| Western Cape | Tygerberg HospitalFrancie van ZijlAvenueParow7500 | 021-9370809 | jpandar@pgwc.gov.za | Acting Head:Ms J Pandaram |  |
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(2) In terms of section 43 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002) only Metropolitan and District Municipalities must establish a disaster management centre.

(a) The following municipalities have not done so due to financial constraints:

Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Eastern Cape

Xhariep District Municipality, Free State

Sedibeng District Municipality, Gauteng

Metsweding Distirct Municipality, Gauteng

Ethekwini Metroplitan Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Uthukela District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Amajuba District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Umkhanyakude District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Sisonke District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal

Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo

Capricorn District Municipality, Limpopo

Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo

Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga

Ehlanzeni District Municipality, Mpumalanga

John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality, Northern Cape

Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape

Cape Winelands District Municipality, Western Cape

Central Karoo District Municipality, Western Cape

No information is available with regard to the following municipalities:

Motheo District Municipality, Free State

Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State

Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality, Free State

Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng

Mopani District Municipality, Limpopo

Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga

Frances Baard District Municipality, Northern Cape

Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Northern Cape

Central District Municipality, North West

(b) In view of the fact that the discussions with National Treasury on various occasions to support municipalities to establish disaster management centres by means of a start-up grant have had no positive result, the municipalities have been encouraged to rather make provision in their own budgets for this purpose or approach their relevant province for assistance.

(3) Gauteng Province is the only province that has submitted a disaster management planto the national centre in accordance with section 38 of the Act.

(a) The following provinces have not yet submitted plans:

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| **Province** |  | **Reasons** |
| Eastern Cape |  | Work is still in progress. The process is linked to the current Disaster Management Policy Development process |
| Free State |  | Plan is complete. Will submit it to the NDMC |
| Kwa Zulu-Natal |  | Plan still to be completed |
| Limpopo Province |  | Draft disaster management plan submitted to the Executive Management for approval prior to submitting it to the NDMC. |
| Mpumalanga |  | A draft disaster management plan is available |
| North West |  | Plan still to be completed |
| Northern Cape |  | In process of appointing a Service Provider to assist the PDMC to develop a plan |
| Western Cape |  | Plan is complete. Will submit it to the NDMC |

(b) Provinces have again been requested to ensure that they submit disaster management plans to the National Disaster Management Centre in terms of section 38 of the Act. Guidelines will also be completed by the NDMC at the end of September 2009 to assist provinces in this regard.

(4) Not all metropolitan and district municipalities have submitted acceptable and appropriate disaster management plans to the national centre in accordance with section 53 of the Act.

The following metropolitan and district municipalities have not submitted acceptable and appropriate disaster management plans to the national centre:

Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality

Cacadu District Municipality

Amathole District Municipality

Chris Hani District Municipality

Ukhahlama District Municipality

OR Tambo District Municipality

Alfred Nzo District Municipality

Xhariep District Municipality

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

Sedibeng District Municipality

Metsweding District Municipality

West Rand District Municipality

Ethekwini Metropolity Municipality

Ugu District Municipality

Umgungundlovu District Municipality

Uthukela District Municipality

Umzinyathi District Municipality

Amajuba District Municipality

Zululand District Municipality

Umkhanyakude District Municipality

Uthungulu District Municipality

lIembe District Municipality

Sisonke District Municipality

Vhembe District Municipality

Capricorn District Municipality

Waterbeg District Municipality

Greater Sekhukhune Municipality

Gert Sibande District Municipality

Nkangala District Municipality

Ehlanzeni District Municipality

John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality

Frances Baard District Municipality

Namakwa District Municipality

Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality

Siyanda District Municipality

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality

Central District Municipality

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality

West Coast District Municipality

Cape Wine lands District Municipality

Overberg District Municipality

Eden District Municipality

Central Karoo District Municipality

All the municipalities gave similar reasons, i.e. they have either omitted to submit their plan to the NDMC or the plan has not yet been finalised.

(5) (a) (i) Not all provinces have submitted annual reports to the national centre in accordance with section 36 of the Act.

(ii) The following provinces have not yet submitted their annual reports to the national centre:

Eastern Cape Free State Limpopo Mpumalanga Northern Cape North West Western Cape
(b) (i) Not all metropolitan and district municipalities have submitted annual reports to the national centre in accordance with section 50 of the Act.

(ii) The following municipalities have not yet submitted their annual reports to the national centre:

Cacadu District Municipality

Amathole District Municipality

Chris Hani District Municipality

OR Tambo District Municipality

Alfred Nzo District Municipality

Motheo District Municipality

Lejweleputswa District Municipality

Thabo Mofutsanyane District Municipality

Fezile Dabi District Municipality

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality

Metsweding District Municipality

West Rand District Municipality

Ugu District Municipality

Uthungulu District Municipality

Mopani District Municipality

Greater Sekhukhune Municipality

Gert Sibande District Municipality

Nkangala District Municipality

Ehlanzeni District Municipality

John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality

Frances Baard District Municipality

Namakwa District Municipality

Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality

Siyanda District Municipality

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality

Central District Municipality

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality

West Coast District Municipality

Cape Winelands District Municipality

Central Karoo District Municipality

The reason why the majority of the provinces and municipalities have not yet been in a position to submit their annual reports for the 2008/2009 Financial Year is because their financial year only ends on 31 July 2009. The process of preparing and finalising their annual reports and having them approved before submission to the national centre is a lengthy process.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 888

(Internal Question Paper No 10 - 2009)

Adv H C Schmidt (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**
Whether he has issued (a) guidelines and/or (b) any other form of guidance to municipalities regarding the permissible or otherwise increase in the overall amount budgeted for

municipalities for the 2009-10 financial year compared to the 2008-09 financial year; if 50, what are the relevant details? NW1039E

**ANSWER NO.**
Guidance to municipalities on overall budget increases is dealt with through the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) Municipal Budget Circulars. Please refer to the MFMA Circular No 48 of 2 March 2009 regarding the guidance to municipalities on the 2009/10 financial year budget preparation.

**QUESTION NO 624

(Internal Question Paper No 7 - 2009)

Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**Whether any funds were allocated to remedy the flood damages in the UGU District along the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal in June 2008; if not, why not; if so, what amount was allocated?

**ANSWER**
Yes, an amount of **R114, 762, 899. 00** was allocated to remedy the flood damages in Ugu District Municipality.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2092

(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional

Affairs:**What (a) is the (i) purpose and (ii) location of each Thusong centre and (b) services are envisaged to be delivered at such centres? NW2748E

**Answer**(a) (i) The purpose of each Thusong Centre is to provide government services and Information about opportunities closer to communities in an integrated, efficient and professional way. (ii) About 139 Thusong Service Centre are located across municipalities in the country and the plan is to ensure established Thusong Centres for each municipality by 2014. (b) Thusong Service Centres link communities to the government's distribution network of publications and products about government programmes such as social grants, identity documents, and activities. Community participation events, campaigns, exhibition and road shows at Thusong Service Centres provide communities with information they can use to improve their lives and develop the community.

 **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 2091**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) What, with the exception of the municipalities and metros referred to in Question 615 is the remuneration for (a) municipal managers and (b) chief financial officers with regard to (i) basic packages and (Ii) bonuses for each specified municipality;

(2) whether performance agreement contracts have been signed with each of the current (a) municipal managers and (b) chief financial officers (i) in each of the specified municipalities; if not, who do not have signed performance agreements? NW2747E

**Answer**

Due to the extensive nature of the information required, the department has sent the request to all municipalities to provide information.

 **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 2090**

**(Internal Question Paper No 29 - 2009)**

**Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Why did the Gauteng Provincial legislature not pay the full amount of the loss of office gratuity to the members who exited after the 2004 general elections (details furnished)? NW2746E

**Answer**

According to the information received from the Legislature's Finance Unit, there are no outstanding payments due to former MPLs. All payments to individual MPLs were paid in full.

**QUESTION NO. 30

(Internal Question Paper No 30- 2009)

Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

What was the (a) total amount of debt owed to municipalities as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) breakdown of this amount in terms of (i) rates and taxes, (ii) water, (iii) electricity and (Iv) other items as at that date? NW32E

**ANSWER**

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| --- |
| **ANALYSIS OF DEBT OWED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ALL PROVINCES PER CATEGORY - 31 MARCH 2009** |
| **Province** | **Water** | **Electricity** | **Property rates** | **Other** | **Total** |
| Eastern cape | 1 166 525 | 410,815 | 862, 632 | 1,352,512 | **R3,792,484** |
| Free State | 1,533,219 | 328,462 | 806, 741 | 1,157,881 | **R3,826,303** |
| Gauteng | 8,737,171 | 3, 515,919 | 5,711,0286 | 6,947,516 | **R24,911 ,634** |
| kwaZulu Natal | 1, 831,573 | 780, 596 | 3,112,995 | 1,294, 157 | **R7, 019, 321** |
| Limpopo | 396, 772 | 89, 487 | 207,023 | 818,125 | **R1,511,407** |
| Mpumalanga | 370, 654 | 196,963 | 367,182 | 679,117 | **R1,613,916** |
| Northern Cape | 293,744 | 140,799 | 159,131 | 436,346 | **R1,030,020** |
| North West | 1,029,974 | 438, 680 | 519,918 | 2,086,110 | **R4 074 682** |
| Western Cape | 2,623, 548 | 589, 605 | 1,431,149 | 1,273, 610 | R5,917,912 |
| **TOTAL** | **R17,983,180** | **R6,491,326** | **R13,177,799** | **R16,045,374** | **R53,697,679** |

Source: Municipalities MFMA Section 71 reports 31 March 2009

(a). The total amount of debt owed to municipalities as at 31. March 2009 stood at R53, 697,679.

(b). i) Rates and Taxes contribute 25% (R13. 177,799) of the total debt.

ii) Water constitutes the highest at 33% (R17, 983,180) of the total debt.

iii). Electricity constitutes 12% (R6. 491,326) of the total debt.

iv). Other items constitute the second highest at 30% (R16. 945.377) of the total debt.

**QUESTION NO. 31

(Internal Question Paper No 31- 2009)**
Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:

Whether any municipalities were under administration in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, during the period 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available: if so, (a) which municipalities and (b) what was the main reason for imposing administration in each case?

**Answer

WRITTEN REPLY**
**QUESTION NO. 31 (Internal Question Paper No 31- 2009)**
Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Provincial and Local Government:

Whether any municipalities were under administration in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, during the period 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) which municipalities and (b) what was the main reason for imposing administration in each case?

ANSWER

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name of municipality | Year of Intervention | End of intervention | Nature of Problem |
| Eastern Ca pe |  |  |  |
| 1. Alfred Nzo DM | 1 April 200 | Still under intervention | Financial, service delivery and governance |
| 2. Kou-Kamma LM | 1 April 2009 | Still under intervention | Financial and governance |
| Mpumalanga |  |  |  |
| 1. Pixley ka Seme Local Municipality | 2 March 2009 | Still under intervention | Governance, financial and administration |
| Mkhondo Local Municipality | 1 July 2009 | Still under intervention | Financial and service delivery |

**Categories of the nature of problems experienced by municipalities**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. Governance | Political infightings, conflict between top management and councillors, HR management |
| 2. Financial | Fraud and misuse of municipal funds and property, lack of proper financial systems. revenue collections, A-G disclaimers, lack of compliance in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act |
| 3. Service delivery | Related to section 152/153 of the constitution that clearly set out the service delivery obligations of municipalities |

**QUESTION NO 301

(Internal Question Paper No 7 - 2009)

The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs: (Interdepartmental transfer on 7 August 2009)**
(1) Whether the Government intends abolishing or reducing the number of provinces; if so,

(a) why and (b) when is this process envisaged to begin;

(2) whether the constitutional imperative of three independent spheres of government has been considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**ANSWER**
(1) No decision has been taken by Government on provincial re-configuration. The policy review on provincial and local government which was initiated by the previous government, identified a range of issues for consideration to improve the governance system as a whole including the structure of government, the allocation of functions between spheres, systems of representative and accountable government, the mechanisms for service delivery and integrated development. These are currently being considered.

(2) The Constitution clearly sets out in section 40(1) that the national, provincial and local spheres of government are not independent, but rather "distinctive, interdependent and interrelated." This is the reason why Chapter 3 of the Constitution sets out principles of co-operative government and intergovernmental relations which all spheres of government and all organs of state must adhere to.

**Question 302**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**302. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1205]**

(1) Whether his Deputy Minister or his department purchased a new vehicle on the Deputy Minister's appointment to office; if so, (a) why, (b) what make and model is the vehicle, (c) what did the vehicle cost and (d)(i) what accessories were included in excess of the vehicle's purchase price and (ii) what was the cost of such accessories; if not,

(2) whether he inherited an existing vehicle; if so, (a) what was the make and model and (b) how old is the vehicle? NW1544E

**ANSWER**

(1) No. The Deputy Minister currently uses, as are available, a Nissan X-Trail, Toyota Prado, Toyota Verso and his personal cars. He is to get a VW Touareg for use in Cape Town and another for use in Tshwane. The cost of each vehicle is R342 688. The Ministerial Handbook provides for a car of up to R1,1 28 437. The accessory is a Bluetooth device worth R3 647, which is included in the above price.

(2) He inherited a four-year old Mercedes-Benz E240 and a three-year old Mercedes-Benz E500.

**Question 303**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**303. Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1226]**

(1) Whether the National Treasury made an intervention in Mbombela; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether the intervention achieved the objective; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1565E

**ANSWER**

The member must redirect his question to National Treasury as intervention was undertaken by the National Treasury.

**Question 305**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**305. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1324]**

Whether the Demarcation Board is suggesting an increase in the number of councillors in municipalities with regard to the recent service delivery protests; if not, why not; if so, (a) for how many additional councillors (b) what is the cost implications for these additional positions and (c) where will the additional costs be funded from? NW1672E

**ANSWER**

In terms of section 20 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No.117 of 1998) the number of councillors of municipal council (a) must be determined in accordance with a formula determined by the Minister by notice in the Government Gazette, which formula must be based on the number of voters registered on that municipalities segment of the national common voters roll on a date determined in the notice and not in any way influenced by service delivery protests.

The current number of councillors, according to the statistics used in the Local Government Equitable Share Formula is 9267. However, the formula published projects a total of 10, 238 councillors for the 2011 municipal elections. This total number increases the number of councillors by 971, amounting to a percentage increase of 10.47%. This increase is primarily driven by the number of registered voters used in the formula which totalled 23, 181, 997 for the 2009 general elections as against a recorded number of 20 674, 926 registered voters for the 2004 general elections.

Additional costs may vary, depending on Councillors status as full-time or part-time and the grade of the municipality. The additional cost may be between R 625m to R344m. These cost will be borne by municipalities using own revenue including their equitable share allocation.

**Question 307**

**28 OCTOBER 2009**

**307. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No1397]**

(1) (a) What is the total debt owed to each municipality by each specified (i) national and (ii) provincial government department as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) for how long has each amount been outstanding and (c) by what date does each of these outstanding amounts have to be settled for each municipality;

(2) whether his department will be taking any steps in the case where the cash-flow of the municipality is affected by this outstanding debt, resulting in an inability to deliver basic services; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; (3) whether interest will be added on outstanding amounts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1752E

**ANSWER**

(1) The total debt owed to municipalities by government departments as at 30 June 2009, is R2 411 207 000. The breakdown according to municipalities is attached in table (Source: National Treasury Local Government Database). The amount may be more than R2.4b because some of the municipalities have not disaggregated their debt according to customer group. Furthermore the figures have not been broken down according provincial and national departments. (a) See attached table. (b) The debt has to be paid within 30 days upon acknowledgement of debt by national and provincial departments

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(2) The department collectively with National Treasury and Provincial Departments of Local Government and Treasuries are in discussions with the Department of Public Works to resolve the problems and getting the data cleansing and invoicing sorted for payment.

(3) The matter of interest is handled by each municipality in accordance with their credit control and debt collection policy.

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| **How much are municipalities owed by Government as at 30 June 2009** |
|  | 0 - | 31 - | 61 - | 91 - | 121 - | 151 - | 181 Days - | Over 1 | Total |
|  | 30 Days | 60 Days | 90 Days | 120 Days | 150 Days | 180 Days | 1 Year | Year | - |
| Location Description | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 | R 000 |
| Cape Town | 61 514 | 24 675 | 17 393 | 17 779 | 16 187 | 11 277 | 55 416 | 107 625 | 311 867 |
| City Of Johannesburg | 1 014 460 | 3 985 | 3 754 | 350 | 76 | 361 | 656 | 519 | 1 024 161 |
| City Of Tshwane | 51 472 | 8 272 | 6 894 | 4 609 | -561 | 20 230 | 4 711 | 0 | 95 627 |
| Ekurhuleni Metro | 13 684 | 7 937 | 8 092 | 6 490 | 7 336 | 5 871 | 39 032 | 87 050 | 175 494 |
| eThekwini | 3 783 | 4 428 | 1 469 | 765 | 562 | 369 | 2 308 | 34 035 | 47 720 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 18 312 | 5 112 | 1 733 | 51 831 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 987 |
| Cacadu | 2 180 | 62 | 150 | 2 | 51 | 23 | -2 | 3 145 | 5 612 |
| Cape Winelands DM | 814 | 1 367 | 44 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 8 | 8 637 | 10 899 |
| Eden | 71 | 4 | 5 | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 233 |
| Frances Baard | 39 | 3 | 3 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 |
| Greater Sekhukhune | 14 301 | 9 951 | 7 168 | 0 | 4 667 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 086 |
| John Taolo Gaetsewe | 166 | 256 | 173 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 617 |
| Metsweding | 413 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 413 |
| Nkangala | 3 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 231 | 6 534 |
| O .R. Tambo | 1 265 | 997 | 825 | 486 | 105 | 101 | 1 388 | 7 160 | 12 327 |
| Ugu | 1 302 | 359 | 42 | 52 | 575 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 331 |
| Umzinyathi | 4 099 | 0 | 2 202 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 720 | 915 | 8 936 |
| Uthukela | 0 | 2 855 | 1 448 | 2 521 | 3 449 | 32 342 | 0 | 569 | 43 183 |
| uThungulu | 704 | 457 | 273 | 1 311 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 746 |
| Blue Crane Route | 254 | 122 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 21 | 425 |
| Buffalo City | 4 873 | 1 063 | 905 | 554 | 456 | 442 | 1 314 | 817 | 10 424 |
| King Sabata Dalindyebo | -3 231 | 1 050 | 620 | 315 | 145 | 119 | 3 541 | 0 | 2 559 |
| Lukhanji | 1 391 | 701 | 460 | 7 070 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 622 |
| Matatiele | 41 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 196 | 89 | 355 |
| Mangaung | 8 149 | 9 828 | 5 339 | 4 607 | 4 457 | 4 352 | 4 155 | 73 553 | 114 439 |
| Metsimaholo | 143 | 140 | 1 387 | 3 791 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 461 |
| Moqhaka | 291 | 124 | 102 | 3 923 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 440 |
| Emfuleni | 3 773 | 2 180 | 1 359 | 24 461 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 773 |
| Kungwini | 602 | 903 | 556 | 27 014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 075 |
| Lesedi | 1 478 | 405 | 118 | 138 | 90 | 2 406 | 0 | 0 | 4 636 |
| Midvaal | 343 | 166 | 139 | 155 | 4 174 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 976 |
| Mogale City | 9 425 | 1 259 | 577 | 6 331 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 592 |
| Nokeng Tsa Taemane | 491 | 213 | 147 | 3 670 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 521 |
| Randfontein | 2 739 | 661 | 923 | 801 | 584 | 415 | 666 | 1 636 | 8 425 |
| Dannhauser | 40 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 886 | 0 | 0 | 1 024 |
| eDumbe | 28 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Endumeni | 807 | 549 | 466 | 469 | 285 | 2 175 | 0 | 0 | 4 751 |
| Hibiscus Coast | 552 | 125 | 602 | 378 | 369 | 5 649 | 0 | 0 | 7 674 |
| Impendle | 21 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Ingwe | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 37 | 0 | 1 491 | 0 | 1 542 |
| Jozini | 3 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 011 | 0 | 0 | 3 035 |
| Kwa Sani | 0 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 129 |
| Mpofana | 139 | 149 | 130 | 2 727 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 145 |
| Msunduzi | 10 153 | 4 579 | 4 157 | 2 437 | 2 686 | 62 704 | 0 | 0 | 86 717 |
| Mtubatuba | 142 | 155 | 172 | 186 | 205 | 4 299 | 0 | 0 | 5 159 |
| Ndwedwe | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 92 |
| Newcastle | 801 | 651 | 638 | 640 | 24 199 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 929 |
| Nongoma | -593 | 10 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 499 | 0 | 0 | -46 |
| Nquthu | 66 | 212 | 1 105 | 488 | 1 005 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 876 |
| Okhahlamba | 0 | 27 | 25 | 19 | 324 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 396 |
| Richmond | -42 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 129 |
| The Big Five False Bay | 24 | 81 | 13 | 32 | 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 453 |
| Umdoni | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 541 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 541 |
| uMhlathuze | 4 987 | 653 | 473 | 478 | 396 | 195 | 1 391 | 3 057 | 11 629 |
| Umlalazi | -45 | 146 | 26 | 19 | 16 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 191 |
| uMngeni | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| uPhongolo | 28 | 23 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 146 | 344 | 0 | 583 |
| Aganang | 492 | 492 | 983 | 3 260 | 1 259 | 492 | 492 | 0 | 7 469 |
| Bela Bela | 169 | 824 | 10 | 288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 291 |
| Greater Giyani | 105 | 233 | 324 | 48 | 25 | 142 | 82 | 246 | 1 206 |
| Greater Letaba | 20 | 143 | 19 | 15 | 16 | 2 883 | 0 | 0 | 3 097 |
| Greater Tubatse | 314 | 315 | 210 | 4 694 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 533 |
| Greater Tzaneen | 14 | 711 | 185 | 219 | 209 | 164 | 5 715 | 0 | 7 217 |
| Lepelle-Nkumpi | 946 | 470 | 463 | 474 | 6 439 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 791 |
| Makhado | 33 | 870 | 758 | 618 | 600 | 8 259 | 0 | 0 | 11 138 |
| Maruleng | 130 | 108 | -41 | 206 | 462 | -44 | 0 | 0 | 821 |
| Modimolle | -490 | 220 | 255 | 100 | 1 473 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 558 |
| Molemole | 15 | 14 | 14 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| Musina | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 |
| Polokwane | 4 758 | 1 765 | 2 174 | 1 068 | 17 354 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 119 |
| Emalahleni (Mp) | 1 068 | 712 | 455 | 172 | 126 | 101 | 1 666 | 2 128 | 6 427 |
| Mbombela | 892 | 0 | 859 | 914 | 928 | 2 191 | 0 | 0 | 5 784 |
| Steve Tshwete | 68 | 32 | 28 | 29 | 26 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 323 |
| City Of Matlosana | 1 173 | 371 | 230 | 2 737 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 511 |
| Greater Taung | 34 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 19 | 18 | 181 | 282 | 607 |
| Madibeng | 764 | 902 | 719 | 13 824 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 209 |
| Ramotshere Moiloa | -1 618 | 427 | 416 | 423 | 516 | 5 420 | 0 | 0 | 5 585 |
| Tlokwe | 3 104 | 449 | 126 | 120 | 1 816 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 614 |
| Ventersdorp | 162 | 56 | 48 | 41 | 34 | 33 | 102 | 844 | 1 319 |
| Emthanjeni | 0 | 231 | 160 | 148 | 140 | 136 | 1 412 | 0 | 2 226 |
| Hantam | 183 | 121 | 230 | 1 400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 933 |
| Kareeberg | 43 | 29 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138 | 0 | 220 |
| Khai-Ma | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Magareng | 4 | 85 | 82 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 |
| Mier | 10 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 74 | 156 |
| Renosterberg | 189 | 16 | 16 | 276 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 510 |
| Richtersveld | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 27 | 61 |
| Siyathemba | 42 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 149 |
| Thembelihle | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Ubuntu | 10 | 10 | 9 | 257 | 286 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 571 |
| Breede River Winelands | -90 | 31 | 21 | 33 | 15 | 14 | 154 | 96 | 272 |
| Breede Valley | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 18 |
| Drakenstein | 720 | 259 | 76 | 726 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 781 |
| George | -28 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 76 | 2 | 420 | 103 | 600 |
| Knysna | 267 | 74 | 37 | 40 | 18 | 53 | 155 | 117 | 762 |
| Mossel Bay | 265 | 41 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 527 | 256 | 1 224 |
| Overstrand | 145 | 52 | 30 | 38 | 1 624 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 890 |
| Saldanha Bay | 750 | 38 | 24 | 23 | 8 | 6 | 681 | 803 | 2 333 |
| Stellenbosch | 410 | 23 | 5 | 5 | 1 780 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 222 |
| Swartland | 495 | 64 | 60 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 93 | 56 | 802 |
| Theewaterskloof | -260 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 939 | 3 750 |
| Total | 1 255 174 | 107 333 | 81 290 | 209 561 | 108 264 | 178 227 | 130 309 | 341 047 | 2 411 207 |

**Question 309**

**309. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1420]**

(a) How many positions for (i) municipal managers and (ii) chief financial officers were vacant and (b) how many (i) municipal managers and (ii) chief financial officers were suspended at municipalities in each province on 31 August 2009? NW1776E

**ANSWER**

(a) The information acquired is as at 30 September 2009:

(i) Municipal Managers: 33 vacancies

(ii) Chief Financial Officers: 34 vacancies

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| **Province** | **(i) Municipality with Municipal Manager vacancy** | **(ii) Municipality with Chief Fiancial Officer vacancy** |
| Eastern Cape | Mbashe Local Municipality | Buffalo City Local Municipality |
|  | Buffalo City Local Municipality | Nkonkobe Local Municipality |
|  | Alfred Nzo District Municipality | Elundini Local Municipality |
|  | Matatiele Local Municipality | Ntabankulu Local Municipality |
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| Kwa Zulu Natal | Ilembe Local Municipality | uPhongolo Local Municipality |
|  | Ezingoleni Local Municipality | Sisonke District Municipality |
|  | Richmond Local Municipality | Mkhabathini Local Municipality |
|  | Umkhanyakude Local Municipality | Emnambithi Local Municipality |
|  |  | Emahlangeni Local Municipality |
|  |
| Limpopo | Sekhukhune District Municipality | Thabazimbi Local Municipality |
|  | Makhado Local Municipality | Greater Marble Hall |
|  | Waterberg District Municipality | Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality |
|  | Modimolle Local Municipality | Capricon District Municipality |
|  |  | Molemole Local Municipality |
|  |  | Modimolle Local Municipality |
|  |  | Bela Bela Local Municipality |
|  |  | Magalakwena Local Municipality |
|  |
| North West | Naledi Local Municipality | Ditsobotla Local Municipality |
|  | Tlokwe Local Municipality | Mamusa Local Municipality |
|  | Ngaka Local Municipality | Greater Taung Local Municipality |
|  |  | Molopo Local Municipality |
|  |  | Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality |
|  |  | City of Local Tlokwe Municipality |
|  |
| Northern Cape | John Taolo District Municipality | Richtersveld Local Municipality |
|  | Nama Khoi Local Municipality | Sol Plaatjie Local Municipality |
|  | Nama Khoi Local Municipality | Ubuntu Local Municipality |
|  | Nama Khoi Local Municipality | Ubuntu Local Municipality |
|  | Khai-Ma Local Municipality | Katelopele Local Municipality |
|  | Siyancuma Local Municipality | Phokwane Local Municipality |
|  | Mier Local Municipality |  |
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| Western Cape | Central Karoo District Municipality | Breede Valley Local Municipality |
|  | Overberg Local Municipality | Eden District Municipality |
|  | Prince Albert District Municipality | Cape Agulhas |
|  |
| Free State | Moqhaka Local Municipality | Letsemeng Local Municipality |
|  | Nala Local Municipality | Motheo Local Municipality |
|  | Masilonyana Local Municipality |  |
|  | Maluti-a-Phofong |  |
|  | Dihlabeng Local Municipality |  |
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| Mpumalanga | Lekwa Local Municipality |  |
|  |  |  |
| Gauteng | Emfuleni Local Municipality |  |
|  | Ekurhuleni Metropolitan |  |

**(b) Suspension of Municipal Managers & CFOs:**

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| **Province** | **(i) Municipality with suspended Municipal Manager** | **(ii) Municipality with suspended Chief Fiancial Officer** |
| Eastern Cape | Sunday's River Valley |  |
|  | Kou-Kamma Local Municipality |  |
|  | Great Kei Local Municipality |  |
|  | Engcobo Local Municipality |  |
|  | Nyandeni Local Municipality |  |
|  |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | Newcastle Local Municipality | Nongoma Local Municipality |
|  | Indaka Local Municipality |  |
|  | Umkhanyakude Local Municipality |  |
|  | Nkandla Local Municipality |  |
|  | Umhlathuze Local Municipality |  |
|  |
| Limpopo | Blouberg Local Municipality |  |
|  | Molemole Local Municipality |  |
|  | Polokwane Local Municipality |  |
|  |
| Northern Cape | No suspensions |  |
|  |
| North West | Mafikeng Local Municipality | Ngaka Modiri Molema |
|  | Rustenburg Local Municipality | Kgetleng Rivier Local Municipality |
|  | Greater Taung Local Municipality |  |
|  | Madibeng Local Municipality |  |
|  |
| Free State | Letsemeng Local Municipality | Motheo District Municipality |
|  |
| Mpumalanga | Msukalingwa Local Municipality |  |
|  | Nkomazi Local Municipality |  |
|  | Mbombela Local Municipality |  |
|  |
| Western Cape | Bitou Local Municipality |  |
|  | Oudtshoorn Local Municipality |  |
|  | Saldanha Bay Local Municipality |  |
|  | Drakenstein Local Municipality |  |
|  | Witzenberg Local Municipality |  |
|  | Eden District Municipality |  |
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| Gauteng | No suspensions |  |

**Question 310**

**310. Mr W P Doman (DA) to ask the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1421]**

(a) Which municipalities do not supply any free basic services relating to (i) water, (ii) electricity and (iii) refuse removal and (b) what is the position with regard to free basic electricity services by Eskom to the areas where they take responsibility for reticulation? NW1777E

**ANSWER**

(a) All municipalities within the Republic of South Africa provide Free Basic Services (i.e Free Basic Energy, Free Basic Water and Refuse) policies and programs in place. The department has released a report on the extent to which indigent households are benefiting. Eskom continues to provide Free Basic Electricity in local municipalities with whom they have a service level agreement. Eskom provides to 241 municipalities, with an exception of Matzikama and Nama –Khoi municipalities.

(b) In Eskom areas of supply a Funding agreement is signed between municipalities and Eskom. Municipalities submit to Eskom an approved list of qualifying households. Eskom provides 50Kwh of Free Basic Electricity (FBE) to qualifying households on a monthly basis.

**Question 308**

**308. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: [Written Question No 1398]**

(1) Whether all the municipalities in which demonstrations took place are receiving free basic (a) water, (b) electricity and (c) sanitation; if not, (i) why not and (ii) which municipalities do not receive each of the specified services; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(2) whether any of these municipalities receive more than the minimum requirement; if so, (a) which municipalities and (b) what are the relevant details in each case? NW1753E

**ANSWER**

(1) All municipalities in which demonstrations took place do have free basic services policies and programmes in place for water and electricity. These municipalities purchase bulk water and electricity and provide a portion of this for free to Indigent households. Sanitation is not included since there is no national policy on free basic sanitation. The extent to which Indigent households benefit from these programmes differs across municipalities. Last week, the Department has released a report on Free Basic Services.

(2) In terms of the policies set by DWAF and DME, the service level for FBE is 50 KW/hand for FBW it is 6 kl. All the municipalities in question comply with the policy in the provision of FBE and FBW.

Municipalities affected by Service Delivery Protests: June 2009-September 2009

(See table on the following page)

**Annexure A**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Province*** | ***Municipality*** | ***Place*** | ***Community Issues*** | ***Periods of protests*** |
| Mpumalanga | 1. Thaba Chweu Municipality | Lydenburg | Corruption within Local Government | June 2009 |
| 2. Lekwa Local Municipality | Siyathemba | Poor roads, lock of access to water, electricity, housing and job opportunities. | July 2009 |
| Sakhile Township | Alleged acts of fraud by officials, maladministration and corruption. | September 2009 |
| 3. Mbombela Local Municipality | Nelspruit | Residents demanded service delivery from the local municipality. | September 2009 |
| 4. Dipaleseng Local Municipality | Balfour | Allegation that leaders ignore the community and do not listen to them. | July 2009 |
| 5. Emalahleni Local Municipality | Witbank (Mpumalanga) | Poor service delivery, maladministration, fraud and corruption. | July 2009 |
| Gauteng | 6. City of Johannesburg | Diepsloot | Relocation of informal settlement dwellers | July 2009 |
| 7. Emfuleni Local Municipality | Rust – de –vaal | There was a complaint that local municipality and government failed to provide residents with RDP houses. | August 2009 |
| 8. City of Ekhuruleni | Thokoza | Poor sanitation and housing. | July 2009 |
| Ramaphosa informal settlement | Approximately 6000 residents handed a memorandum of grievances to the local councilor. | July 2009 |
| 9. Midvaal Local Municipality | Vereeniging | Better service delivery. | July 2009 |
| Mayerton | Better service delivery | July 2009 |
| Kwazulu Natal | 10. Msunduzi Municipality | Edenvale | Youth demanded removal of Ward 22 councillors | July 2009 |
| Eastern Cape | 11. Nelson Mandela Bay Metro | Uitenhage | Poor municipal service delivery. | August 2009 |
| 12. Buffalo City | Duncan Village | Poor service delivery. | July 2009 |
| Western Cape | 13. City of Cape Town | Khayelitsha | Housing | August 2009 |
| Masiphumelele | Anger over poor municipal service delivery. | July 2009 |
| 14. Knysna Local Municipality | Hlalani Settlement | Allegation that the municipality ignored communities need for proper housing. | July 2009 |
| North West | 15. Maquassi Hills Local Municipality | Kgakala Township | Lack of municipal services | July 2009 |