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**2288. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

With reference to the Council for the Built Environment and its six built environment professional councils, what (a) was the total membership of each council in the past five years, (b) number of (i) voluntary associations are registered with each of the councils, (ii) parallel professional structures exist in competition to the various councils and (iii) voluntary associations are registered with the additional structures and (c) is the estimated membership of each structure? **NW2705E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

1. Table 1: Total membership of each council

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name of the Council | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Engineering Council of South Africa | 49334 | 57867 | 55730 | 61799 |
| South African Council for the Architectural Profession | 9988 | 10982 | 11859 | 11790 |
| South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession | 282 | 330 | 374 | 403 |
| South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession | 4098 | 4422 | 4130 | 4454 |
| SA Council for the Property Valuers Profession | 5122 | 2075 | 1886 | 1894 |
| South African Council for Project and Construction Management Professions | 3207 | 6843 | 7367 | 11422 |
| Total | **72031** | **82519** | **81346** | **91762** |

(b) **Voluntary Associations**

In South Africa, a Voluntary Association (VA) is any association recognised by the Councils for the Built Environment Professions (CBEP). An association is broadly defined as an institute, institution, association, society or federation established by Built Environment practitioners to promote their collective professional and/or business interests. Their initial and continuing recognition is dependent on their adherence to the policy prescripts of the associated council for the profession on VAs as set out in the respective CBEP Act.

VAs are an important constituent of the Built Environment professional milieu as a repository of profession-specific technical knowledge. They are highly involved in Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities and the development of qualifications. Their recognition is essential and should be encouraged since they play the following critical roles:

1. Provide a pool of practitioners to serve on professional councils’ committees;
2. Play the role of competency assessment (assessors) in the registration process;
3. Provide a pool of mentors for candidates; and
4. Serve as members of evaluation committees for programme accreditation at higher education institutions which offer Built Environment qualifications.

**Table 2: Number of Voluntary Associations Recognised by the CBEP**

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| CBEP | Number of VAs Recognised | Number of VAs Not Recognised |
| SACAP | 13 | 0 |
| SACLAP | 3 | 0 |
| ECSA | 51 | 0 |
| SACPVP | 3 | 0 |
| SACPCMP | 13 | 3 |
| SACQSP | 1 | 1 |

**(Source: CBEP Fourth Quarter Report 2020/21)**

**Reasons for Non - Recognition of Voluntary Associations**

* Do not meet the minimum requirements of the guidelines
* CBEP awaits full compliance with requirements for recognition

**(ii) parallel professional structures exist in competition with the various councils**

**Reply:**

There are no parallel professional structures in competition with the six Councils.

**(iii) voluntary associations are registered with the additional structures, and (c) is the estimated membership of each structure?**

**Reply:**

No. None are known of to DPWI. Therefore (c) falls away.