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**2359. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) Whether there is an updated database of unemployed professional built environment graduates in terms of each (a) professional category, (b) gender, (c) age, (d) province and (e) region in the Council for the Built Environment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how regular is the database updated;

(2) who is responsible for updating the database;

(3) how is the database used to ensure that the persons recorded on it are given opportunities and/or employment? **NW2781E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

1. The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) has an unemployed database of Professionals, Graduates, Qualified Artisans and **National Accredited Technical Education Diploma** (NATED) students. The database (a) **professional** category field is provided, (b) **gender**- segregation is included (c) **age** is determined from the ID number field, (d) **province** specification is included, (e) the database does not have a **region** field; instead, the fields that are provided for are Local and the District Municipalities. Based on that one is able to determine which regions the persons fall under.
2. DPWI unemployed professional built environment graduates database link is available on the department’s website therefore it updates automatically as people register their information.

The link is <http://www.publicworks.gov.za/DPWI_Unemployed_Database.html>

1. DPWI sources applications of persons to participate on all Developmental Programmes utilising the unemployed database. Professionals and Qualified Artisans are appointed on special projects where additional capacity is required within the department, and further to provide mentorship to the trainees.