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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, considering that her department has briefed the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs regarding the Disaster Contingency Plan for the upcoming winter, her department has identified areas to be allocated for housing across all provinces in order to avoid a repetition of flood victims being displaced and having to live in community halls for an indefinite time; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY**

The department has not identified areas to be allocated for housing across all provinces. The identification of suitable land and the development of that land is an ongoing collaborative effort amongst relevant organs of state, i.e. provincial and local government, Human Settlements and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as per their respective legislated mandates. The department through the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) together with the Provincial Disaster Management Centres across the country continues to provide support to relevant organs of state in the implementation of sustainable interventions including the identification of suitable land for rebuilding and settlement of communities for building back better, to promote resilience, prevent or minimise the impacts of flooding incidents. The organs of state are further supported in the development of Disaster Management Contingency Plans and implementation of the plans thereof.

**End**