**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2519. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs :**

(1) Whether she will furnish Mrs N J Nolutshungu with a list of all (a) bridges and (b) roads that were damaged by floods in (i) KwaZulu-Natal and (ii) the Eastern Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;;

(2) (a) which of the specified bridges and roads (i) were fixed and (ii) are still not fixed and (b) what time frames have been put in place to fix all bridges and roads that are still not yet fixed?

**REPLY**

1. Yes, the list for all damaged infrastructure as received from the respective provinces have been furnished for roads and bridges damaged by floods in (i) KwaZulu-Natal and (ii) Eastern Cape. Below table sumarises the damaged infrastructure:

**Table: Summaries for Eastern Cape & KwaZulu-Natal**

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| **Infrastructure**  | **Eastern Cape** | **KwaZulu-Natal**  | **Totals** |
| Number of Roads submitted by the province | 153 | 1 329 | **1 482** |
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| Number of roads funded by the NDMC | 21 | 1 329 | **1 350** |
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| Number of bridges submitted by the province  | 14 | 153 | **167** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Number of bridges funded by the NDMC | 04 | 153 | **157** |

1. (a) Fixing of damaged roads and bridges is the responsibility of the affected provinces and municipalities as per their respective legislated mandate. However, following the applications by these affected organs state, DCOG allocated an amount of **R3.1 billion (R3 060 038 000 for KZN and R113 511 000 for EC)** from the disaster grants to augment the resources of the affected organs of state to fix the damaged infrastructure that included roads and bridges in the EC and KZN respectively. (i) A total of **1507** roads and bridges respectively were funded by DCOG to be fixed by the responsible organs of state (4 bridges in the EC and 153 bridges in KZN) (21 roads in the EC and 1 350 roads in KZN). (ii) The fixing of the damaged infrastructure that could not be funded from the disaster grants is the responsibility of the affected organs of state through existing programmes and arrangements as per the Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002 (Act 57 of 2002) (b) the time frames for fixing infrastructure still not yet fixed are determined by the responsible organs of state inline with their existing arrangements.

**End**