**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION No. 2686-2021**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 31-2021 dated 03 December 2021:**

**“Mrs V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture:**

(1). Whether any libraries have been built by his department in the Northern Cape in the past five years; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the locations of the specified libraries and (b) at what cost;

(2). whether the libraries are operational; if not, why not; if so, are they connected with Wi-Fi;

(3). what (a) total number of libraries in the Northern Cape, and with specific referral to the Namaqua District, has been identified by his department as not able to function, because of (i) personnel shortages and (ii) a lack of budget and (b) are the names of the towns in which such libraries are located;

(4). (a) what is his department’s budget allocation towards building new libraries in the Republic in the 2019-20 financial year and (b) at which locations in the Republic does his department intend to build libraries? **NW3198E**

**REPLY**

1. A total number of sixteen (16) new libraries were built in the Northern Cape Province in the past five years. The (a) location and (b) costs of the libraries are as follows:

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| **NO.** | **NAME** | **LOCATION** | **MUNICIPALITY** | **TOWN** | **COST** |
| 1. | Afrika Gaenakgang Library | Tsineng | Joe Morolong | Kuruman | R6 200 000 | |
| 2. | Ester Molete Library | Churchill | Joe Morolong | Kuruman | R20 900 000 | |
| 3. | Moeshoeu Piet Melamu Library | Logaganeng | Joe Morolong | Kuruman | R4 300 000 | |
| 4. | M S Kitchin Library | Kuruman | Gasegonyana | Kuruman | R29 000 000 | |
| 5. | Ritchie Library | Ritchie | Sol Plaatje | Ritchie | R5 700 000 | |
| 6. | Greenpoint Library | Greenpoint | Sol Plaatje | Kimberley | R17 300 000 | |
| 7. | H O Kgadiete Library | Warrenton | Magareng | Warrenton | R4 700 000 | |
| 8. | Izak September Library | Petrusville | Renosterberg | Petrusville | R7 600 000 | |
| 9. | Kamasies Library | Kamasies | Kamiesberg | Springbok | R4 300 000 | |
| 10. | Sisonke Library | Carolusberg | Nama Khoi | Springbok | R6 800 000 | |
| 11. | Anna Kamfer Library | Askham | Dawid Kruiper | Upington | R4 300 000 | |
| 12. | Jacky Greef Library | Louisvale | Dawid Kruiper | Upington | R4 500 000 | |
| 13. | Sandile Present Library | Upington | Dawid Kruiper | Upington | R37 200 000 | |
| 14. | Homevale Library | Homevale | Sol Plaatje | Kimberley | R2 800 000 | |
| 15. | Hector Peterson Library | Novalspont | Umsobomvu | Colesberg | R2 600 000 | |
| 16. | Noxolo Mpinda Library | Noupoort | Umsobomvu | Colesberg | R4 200 000 | |

1. The libraries are operational and have internet connection. However, it must be noted some libraries may be occasionally closed due to COVID compliance.
2. There are (a) 218 libraries in the Northern Cape, 50 are located in the Namaqua District, (i) no library has personnel shortages and (ii) no library has a lack of budget.
3. (a) The Department’s budget allocation towards building new libraries in the Republic in the 2019-20 financial year was R317 307 million provided from the community library conditional grant and (b) twenty-six (26) new libraries are intended to be built as follows in the Republic:

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| **NO.** | **NAME** | **LOCATION** | **MUNICIPALITY** |
| 1. | Cookhouse Library | Eastern Cape | Sarah Baartman: Blue Crane Route Local Municipality |
| 2. | Mango Modular Library | Eastern Cape | Alfred Nzo: Umzimvubu Local Municipality |
| 3. | Van Stadenrus Library | Free State | ‎Xhariep‎ District: Naledi Local Municipality |
| 4. | Zuurbekom Library | Gauteng | ‎Westonaria District: ‎West Rand Municipality |
| 5. | Kocksoord Library | Gauteng | West Rand District: Randfontein Municipality |
| 6. | Mullerstein Library | Gauteng | Sedibeng District: Emfuleni Local Municipality |
| 7. | Dukuduku Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Umkhanyakude District: Mtubatuba Local Municipality |
| 8. | KwaMdakane Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Amajuba District: Dannhauser Local Municipality |
| 9. | Nquthu Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Umzinyathi District: Nquthu Local Municipality |
| 10. | Endaleni Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Umgungundlovu District: Richmond Local Municipality |
| 11. | KwaDlangezwa Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Uthungulu District: Umhlathuze Local Municipality |
| 12. | Umzumbe Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Ugu District: Umzumbe Local Municipality |
| 13. | Sankotshe Modular Library | KwaZulu-Natal | Ethekwini Metro |
| 14. | Seleteng Library | Limpopo | Capricorn District: Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality |
| 15. | Mavalani Library | Limpopo | Mopani District: Greater Giyani Local Municipality |
| 16. | Botshabelo Library | Limpopo | Mopani District: |
| 17. | Vleifontein Library | Limpopo | Vhembe District: Makhado Local Municipality |
| 18. | Tshaulu Library | Limpopo | Vhembe District: Thulamela Local Municipality |
| 19. | Newtown Library | Mpumalanga | Nkangala District: Steve Tshwete Local Municipality |
| 20. | Schoemansdal Library | Mpumalanga | Ehlanzeni District: Nkomazi Local Municipality |
| 21. | Provincial Depot Library | Northern Cape | Francis Baard District: Sol Plaatjie Municipality |
| 22. | Lethabong Library | North West | Bojanala District: Rustenburg Local Municipality |
| 23. | Dinokana Library | North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema District: Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality |
| 24. | Moshana Modular Library | North West | Ngaka Modiri Molema District: Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality |
| 25. | Wolmaranstad ext 15 Library | North West | Dr Kenneth Kaunda District: Maquassi Hills Local Municipality |
| 26. | Bereaville Modular Library | Western Cape | Overberg District: Theewaterskloof Municipality |