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**QUESTION 2700**

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**2700. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. Whether his department (a) provided funding to and/or (b) has any plans to provide funding for the development of the Bergville Sports Complex project in the Ukhahlamba Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, in each case, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, what are the (i) relevant details, (ii) motivations for his department to provide funding for the specified project and (iii) details of the functional mandate that provides statutory grounds for his department to provide funding for the specified project;
2. whether the specified local municipality applied directly to his department for funding for the project; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what are the further relevant details; if not,

(3) whether a third party was used to prepare and make the application for funding on behalf of the municipality; if so, what are the details of the (a) person and/or entity who acted as a third party and (b) agreement between the third party and the specified municipality and/or his department? **NW3007E**

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

(1)(a) Yes.

1. DRDLR entered into a MoA with Okhahlamba Local Municipality on 20 December 2016.
2. DRDLR has funded similar projects in previous financial years like the The Beaufort West Youth Hub in Western Cape; and the Jacobsdal Sport Complex and Community facility in the Free State province. The agreement stipulates that an amount of R20m will be made available over the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 financial years based on invoices submitted; and based on physical progress onsite.
3. Cabinet approved the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP) in 2009 that provides the statutory grounds for supporting this project.

(b) Falls away

(2)           Yes. The Municipality requested project support directly from the DRDLR.

1. The Mayor of Okhamhlamba, formally requested support for the project on the 24 February 2016.
2. Falls away, answered in section 1(a)(ii) above.

(3) DRDLR signed the agreement with the Okhahlamba Local Municipality, not with a third party.