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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) Whether councillors of each metropolitan municipality are required to declare their financial interests; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) Whether the financial interests of councillors are made available to the public; if not, why not; if so, where are these details made available?

**Reply:**Thus far, responses have been received from three Metropolitan Municipalities, namely; Buffalo City, Nelson Mandela Bay and City of Cape Town. We are still awaiting responses from the other 5 Metropolitan Municipalities.

The responses below are from the 3 Metropolitan Municipalities mentioned above:

( 1 ) The three Metropolitan Municipalities stated that all Councillors of their municipalities are required to declare their financial interest.

( 2 ) The three Metropolitan Municipalities stated that the financial interest of the Councillors are made available to the public.

The table below illustrates the response per municipality:

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| **Metropolitan Municipality** | **Method of publication of Financial interest of the****Councillors** |
| Buffalo City  | The Annual Report of the municipality |
| City of Cape Town  | The website of the municipality. |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | The Declaration of Interest form consists of two categories, of which only category B is made available for public scrutiny, in line with Council resolution. The financialinterest of the Councillors' are published in Council agendas, public libraries throughout the Metropolitan area and hard copies are made available at Council meetings. |
| City of Johannesburg | Awaiting response from the municipality. |
| City of Tshwane | Same as above. |
| Ekurhuleni | Same as above. |
| eThekwini | Same as above |
| Mangaung | Same as above |