

**MINISTRY FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr B R Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

For each metropolitan municipality, how many commercial, industrial and residential building plan submissions were made in the:

(a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years;

(b) How many building plan submissions were approved by each specified municipality in the (a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years;

(c) What is the response time to acknowledge receipt of building plans;

(d) How long does it take to finalise building plan submissions?

**Reply:**

1. The following table represents commercial, industrial and residential building plan submissions per Metro in the 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years

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| **Building Plans:2013-14** | | | | |
| **Metro** | **Commercial** | **Industrial** | **Residential** | **Total** |
| City of Tshwane | 94 | 97 | 12 323 | 12 514 |
| Ekurhuleni | 50 | 190 | 5062 | 5302 |
| City of Johannesburg | 104 | 72 | 11977 | 12153 |
| City of Cape Town | 330 | | 7904 | 8234 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 95 | 86 | 7734 | 7915 |
| Buffalo City | 83 | 96 | 2461 | 2640 |
| Mangaung | 45 | 17 | 2283 | 2345 |
| eThekwini Municipality | 927 | 408 | 9618 | 10953 |
| **Building Plans:2014-15** | | | | |
| **Metro** | **Commercial** | **Industrial** | **Residential** | **Total** |
| City of Tshwane | 128 | 87 | 12 883 | 13 098 |
| Ekurhuleni | 33 | 241 | 5382 | 5656 |
| City of Johannesburg | 41 | 79 | 12963 | 13083 |
| City of Cape Town | 353 | | 8985 | 9342 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 87 | 94 | 9530 | 9711 |
| Buffalo City | 84 | 86 | 2370 | 2540 |
| Mangaung | 35 | 24 | 2069 | 2108 |
| eThekwini Municipality | 1363 | 601 | 12740 | 14704 |

1. The following table represents building plans that were approved by each municipality in the (a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years

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| **Municipality** | **YEAR** | |
| **2013-14** | **2014-15** |
| City of Tshwane | 10 654 | 9 554 |
| Ekurhuleni | 4550 | 5272 |
| City of Johannesburg | 11247 | 11934 |
| City of Cape Town | 8407 | 9859 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | 2475 | 3724 |
| Buffalo City | 2314 | 2207 |
| Mangaung | 3083 | 2173 |
| eThekwini Municipality | 5748 | 6044 |

1. The table below represents the time indicated by each metro on the response time to acknowledge receipt of building plans

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| **Municipality** | **Response time to acknowledge receipt of Building Plans** |
| City of Tshwane | Application is acknowledged as soon as it is received and the necessary fees are paid. |
| Ekurhuleni | Upon submission and payment of necessary fees. |
| City of Johannesburg | Upon receipt and payment of necessary fees. |
| City of Cape Town | Application is acknowledged as soon as it is received and necessary fees are paid. |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | Upon submission the application is issued with an invoice. |
| Buffalo City | 1 week |
| Mangaung | Immediately after submission and payment of the requisite building plan fees. |
| eThekwini Municipality | Immediately on submission and payment of the prescribed tariff where applicable. |

1. The information below represents response time each municipality takes to finalise building plan submissions.

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| **Municipality** | **Time taken to finalise Building Plan Submissions** |
| City of Tshwane | Building Plans 500m² and less: 30 days  Building Plans 501m² and more: 60 days |
| Ekurhuleni |  |
| City of Johannesburg | As per the legislated time period, namely  30 days for building plans smaller that 500m² and 60 days for plans larger than 500m². |
| City of Cape Town | Building Plans 500m² and less: 30 days  Building Plans 501m² and more: 60 days |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | Eight (8) days from date of submission if application has all necessary supporting documents |
| Buffalo City | 22 days |
| Mangaung | The general norm is as per the legislated time period, namely  30 days for building plans smaller that 500m² and 60 days for  plans larger than 500m².   In most cases Mangaung  Metropolitan Municipality complies. |
| eThekwini Municipality | In terms of timeframes expressed as a percentage the performance has been 98.1% (2013/14) and 99.9% (2014/15). |