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**Ms D Carter (Cope) asked the Minister of Public Works:**

(1) (a) What is the total number of (i) housing and (ii) apartment units that exist in all parliamentary villages in Cape Town and (b) how many of them are (i) in a condition for habitation and (ii) currently not available for use;

(2) how many of the (a) housing and (b) apartment units are currently allocated to (i) Members of Parliament and (ii) other persons or entities;

(3) how many Members of Parliament have not been allocated units within the parliamentary villages despite their requests to be accommodated there;

(4) can he provide a breakdown of the (a) persons or entities the specified units in all parliamentary villages in Cape Town were allocated to, (b) departments the specified persons or entities belong to and (c) rationale for the allocation in each case;

(5) whether any members of the newly established Chamber Support Unit within the Parliamentary Protection Services have been allocated units within the parliamentary villages; if so, on what basis?  **NW3992E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works**

(1)(a)(i) There are 507 housing units at the three Parliamentary villages.

(ii) There are 155 apartment units at the three parliamentary villages.

(b)(i) 621 units are in a condition for habitation.

(ii) 41 units are not available for use currently.

(2)(a)(i) 347 housing units have been allocated to Members of Parliament.

(ii) 160 housing units have been allocated to other persons or entities.

(b)(i) 2 of the 155 apartment units have been allocated to Members of Parliament.

(ii) 127 apartment units have been allocated to other persons or entities.

(3) There are currently no Members of Parliament (MPs) who have requested accommodation and who have not been allocated units within the Parliamentary villages.

(4)(a) Persons allocated accommodation in the Parliamentary villages include Sessional Officials, Public Works Officials who are servicing the Parliamentary Villages, Party Support Staff, Aides to disabled Members of Parliament, domestic workers and a former Member of Parliament’s dependents residing in the parliamentary villages.

(b) Sessional Officials employed by the following Government departments are accommodated at the parliamentary villages:

1. Ministry of Public Enterprises

2. Ministry of Social Development

3. Ministry of Health

4. Ministry of National Treasury

5. Ministry of Water Affairs

6. Ministry of Communications

7. Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans

8. Ministry of Arts and Culture

9. Ministry of Rural Development

10. Ministry of Trade and Industry

11. Department of Energy

12. Ministry of the Presidency

13. Ministry of Human Settlements

14. Ministry of Public Works

15. Ministry of Police

16. Ministry of State Security

17. Ministry of Women, Children and People with Disabilities

18. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries

19. Ministry of Labour

20. Ministry of Tourism

21. Ministry of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs

22. National Youth and Development Agency

23. International Relations and Co-operation

24. Ministry of Sports and recreation

25. Ministry of Science and Technology

26. Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services

27. Ministry of Higher Education

28. Ministry of Economic Development

29. Ministry of Home Affairs

30. Ministry of Small Business Development

31. Ministry of Basic Education

32. Ministry of Environmental Affairs

33. Ministry of Mineral Resources

34. Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services

35. Ministry of Water and Sanitation

(c) The rationale for accommodating the categories mentioned above, is as follows:

* Sessional Officials designated by the Heads of their Departments for a Parliamentary session are accommodated at the Parliamentary villages.
* Officials employed by the Department of Public Works who perform standby duties at the parliamentary villages are accommodated at the parliamentary villages.
* Party Support Staff / Aides to disabled Members of Parliament: Special ministerial approval was granted for aides to disabled Members of Parliament to be accommodated at the Parliamentary villages.
* Domestic workers who are registered by a legal tenant at the Parliamentary villages and approved by the Department of Public Works.
* Former MP’s dependents: Extension of stay was granted after the commencement of the Fifth Parliament, as the dependents were still attending school. Subsequent notices to vacate were ignored. A final notice to vacate is being processed, where after the case is to be handed over to the office of the State Attorney for eviction, should the subjects ignore the final notice to vacate.

(5) No members of the newly established Chamber Support Unit within the Parliamentary Protection Services have been allocated units within the Parliamentary villages.

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