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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: PQ 535 [\*83 - NW583E]**

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**535. Ms M Makesini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements**:

1. What is the current total number of housing backlogs in the Republic and
2. which province has the highest number?

**REPLY:**

1. The housing backlog numbers in the Republic are derived from Statistics South Africa (STATSSA). STATSSA General Household Survey 2020 indicated that 11.4% (1.9 million) households lived in informal dwellings and 4.3% (731 thousand) households lived in traditional dwellings.

The department has a National Housing Needs Register (NHNR) which is an application that is designed to register households/ individuals and their housing needs in South Africa. There are currently 2.3 million households/ individuals registered on the NHNR.

In terms of the NHNR, there are 2 456 773 households registered and awaiting assistance as at 02/03/2023. Below is a table with the stats per province.

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| **Province** | **NHNR Households not yet assisted** |
| Eastern Cape | 604 594 |
| Free State | 265 110 |
| Gauteng | 1 030 099 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 34 603 |
| Limpopo | 86 814 |
| Mpumalanga | 254 027 |
| Northern Cape | 119 401 |
| North West | 62 125 |
| **Total** | 1. **456 773** |

1. The province with the highest number is Gauteng with 1 030 099 households registered and awaiting assistance. Below is a table with the breakdown of numbers for Gauteng Province per municipality.

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|  | **NHNR Households not yet assisted** |
| **Gauteng** | **1 0303 099** |
| City of Johannesburg | 400 361 |
| City of Tshwane | 182 711 |
| City of Ekurhuleni | 280 584 |
| Emfuleni Local Municipality | 63 759 |
| Lesedi Local Municipality | 13 830 |
| Merafong Local Municipality | 12 829 |
| Midvaal Local Municipality | 9 281 |
| Mogale Local Municipality | 39 173 |
| Randfontein Local Municipality | 16 201 |
| Westonaria Local Municipality | 11 370 |