

**MINISTRY FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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 **Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Which (a) national departments and (b) entities of national government departments owe money to (i) Bela-Bela Local Municipality, (ii) Lephalale Local Municipality, (iii) Lim368: Modimolle & Mookgophong Local Municipality and (iv) Thabazimbi Local Municipality, (b) what are the outstanding amounts to each of these local municipalities (c) since when are these amounts owed (d) what are the reasons that these departments and entities are not paying their accounts and (e) when will all the outstanding amounts be paid to each of these municipalities? NW684E

**REPLY:**

The following information was received from the Provincial Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) in Limpopo.

a) and b)

1. Bela-Bela Local Municipality is owed by the following departments:

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| **Departments** | **Amount**  | **Payment received in March 2017** |
| National Public Works  | R202,130.42 | R0.00 |
| Provincial Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure | 0.00 | R0.00 |
| Agriculture | R14,206.00  | R0.00  |
| Education | R1,463,428.37 | R500 000.00 |
| Rural Development and Land Reform | R0.00 | R0.00 |
| **TOTAL:** | **R1 679 764.79** | **R500 000.00** |

1. The above amounts are owed since 2011.
2. The reason for non-payment is that there are government properties that are built on communal land and some properties are not registered.
3. In the last Debt Verification session held with Bela-Bela Local Municipality, the Departments owing indicated that they will pay some of the outstanding debt by 31 March 2017. Only the Department of Education honoured the commitment to pay and an amount of R500 000.00 was paid by 31 March 2017.

The National Department of Co-operative Governance (DCoG) was able to collect information from the following local municipalities:

* Lephalale Local Municipality
* Lim 368 (i.e. former Modimolle and Mookgophong Local Municipalities)
* Thabazimbi Local Municipality

a) and b)

(ii) Lephalale Local Municipality is owed the amounts reflected below by the following departments:



1. The above amounts have been owed for more than 150 days.
2. The municipality has not provided the reasons for non-payment.
3. Information regarding when the amounts will be paid has not been submitted.

a) and b)

(iii) Lim 368 (i.e. Modimolle and Mookgophong LMs) is owed by the following departments (see table below):



c) The above amounts have been owed for more than a year (1yr).

d) The municipality has not provided any reasons for non-payment.

e) Information regarding when the amounts will be paid has not been submitted.

a) and b)

(iv) Thabazimbi LM is owed by the following departments:



c) Some of the amounts have been outstanding since March 2008.

d) The municipality has not provided the reasons for non-payment.

e) Information regarding when the amounts will be paid has not been submitted.