**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER:** **636 [NW708E]**

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**636. Mr I M Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

(1) Whether, in light of section 121 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) that requires all municipalities to table their annual reports to their respective municipal councils by 31 January every year, and/or request an extension from their provincial Members of the Executive Council (MECs), he and/or the National Treasury must be provided with reports of any municipalities that have failed to table their reports by 31 January 2023; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which municipalities failed to table their reports, (b) what were the reasons for non-compliance, (c) did the specified municipalities timeously apply for an extension to the respective MECs and (d) of the municipalities that failed to table their reports by 31 January, which municipalities have also failed to apply for extensions to their respective MECs;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW708E

**REPLY**

The provisions of section 121 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) together with section 127(2) – (3)(b) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) states that the mayor of a municipality must, within seven months after the end of a financial year, table in the municipal council the Annual Report of the municipality and of any municipal entity under the municipality's sole or shared control. Should the mayor, for any reason, be unable to table the Annual Report of the municipality or any municipal entity under the sole or shared control within 7 (seven) months after the end of the financial year to which the report relates, the mayor must: (a) promptly submit to the council a written explanation referred to in section 133(I)(a) setting out the reasons for the delay, together with any components of the Annual Report listed in section 121(3) or (4) that are ready and (b) submit to the council the outstanding Annual Report or the outstanding components of the Annual Report as soon as may be possible.

The responsibility to discharge this requirement in terms of the MFMA, vests with the respective municipality.

I have been advised from a report to the National Treasury, that Annexure A lists the municipalities that did not table their Annual Reports to Council by 31 January 2023 based on information received by the National Treasury. I am further advised however, the updating of such information for monitoring compliance, is ongoing.

**Annexure A**

| **Number** | **Name of Municipality** | **Province** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Senqu  | Eastern Cape |
| 2 | Emalahleni  | Eastern Cape |
| 3 | Ngqhuza Hill  | Eastern Cape |
| 4 | Koukamma  | Eastern Cape |
| 5 |  Kopanong | Free State |
| 6 |  Mohokare | Free State |
| 7 |  Masilonyana | Free State |
| 8 |  Tokologo | Free State |
| 9 |  Nketoana | Free State |
| 10 | Maluti-a-Phofung | Free State |
| 11 | Mantsopa | Free State |
| 12 | Mafube | Free State |
| 13 | City of Johannesburg | Gauteng |
| 14 | uMkhanyakude | KwaZulu Natal |
| 15 | Steve Tshwete | Mpumalanga |
| 16 | Richtersveld | Northern Cape |
| 17 | Ubuntu | Northern Cape |
| 18 | Magareng | Northern Cape |
| 19 | Renosterberg | Northern Cape |
| 20 | Sol Plaatje | Northern Cape |
| 21 | Thembelihle | Northern Cape |
| 22 | Siyathemba | Northern Cape |
| 23 | Tsantsabane | Northern Cape |
| 24 | Kgatelopele | Northern Cape |
| 25 | Phokwane | Northern Cape |
| 26 | JB Marks | North West |
| 27 | Naledi | North West |
| 28 | Mamusa | North West |
| 29 | Ditsobotla | North West |
| 30 | Ngaka Modiri Molema | North West |
| 31 | Cederberg | Western Cape |