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**Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:**

**(a) how many libraries are currently dysfunctional in each province and (b) in each case, what (i) are the reasons and (ii) steps he has taken to rectify the situation NW72E**

**REPLY**

**EASTERN CAPE LIBRARIES THAT ARE NOT OPERATIONAL AND REMEDIAL STEPS**

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| NO | DISTRICT | MUNICIPALITY | LIBRARY | REASON FOR CLOSURE | REMEDIAL STEPS |
| 1. | Nelson Mandela Metro | Nelson Mandela Bay | Central library | Need major renovations | The municipality was given an additional R3 68 000 in the 2014/15 financial year to assist in the renovations of the library |
| 2. | O.R Tambo | Port St Johns | Kwa Ndevu | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 3. | O.R Tambo | Nyandeni | Lwandile | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 4. | Alfred Nzo | Matatiele | Mvenyane | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 5. | Alfred Nzo | Ntabankulu | Sukude | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 6. | Amathole | Amahlathi | Mgwali | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 7. | Chris Hani | Engcobo | Quthubeni | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 8. | Chris Hani | Engcobo | Manzana | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 9. | Chris Hani | Enoch Mgijima | Mceula | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 10. | Sarah Baartman | Makana | Grahamstown | Under renovations | Practical completion was done in December. The library is being prepared for opening. Expected date of opening is April 2017 |
| 11. | O.R Tambo | Nyandeni | Libode | Under construction | Expected completion date is Feb 2018 |
| 12. | O.R Tambo | Nyandeni | Ngqeleni | Under construction | Expected completion date is 31st May 2017 |
| 13. | O.R Tambo | Nyandeni | Marubeni | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |
| 14. | O.R Tambo | Nyandeni | Nqeketho | Newly established modular | Library material collection development and preparations for internet connectivity are in process and the library is expected to be ready for operations in the 2017/18 financial year |

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| **STEPS TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION** | **PROVINCE** | **NO. OF DYSFUNCTIONAL LIBRARIES** | **REASONS** | **STEPS TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Free State | None | | |
|  | Gauteng (9) | Olievenhoutbosch (City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipalities) | These are newly built libraries, construction has been completed, but occupancy certificates have not been issues yet | All libraries will be operational before June 2017. |
|  | Leondale (City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipalities) |
|  | Kingsway (Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality) |
|  | Drieziek (Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality ) |
|  | Naturena (Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality) |
|  | Evaton North (Emfuleni Local Municipality) |
|  | Kagiso X6 (Mogale City Local Municipality) |
|  | Rietvallei X2 & 3 (Mogale City Local Municipality) |
|  | Tembisa (Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality) | Closed for renovations |
|  | KwaZulu-Natal | None | | |
|  | Limpopo (13) | Lithovhu(school premises) | No security | Librarians will sort old books taken from district libraries and distribute to modular libraries. New books to be purchased this financial year will be distributed to modular libraries to ensure they are functional. Budget will be sourced to ensure that security guards are appointed where necessary and electricity will be connected. This will be done in the 2017/18 financial year as there were budget constraints during the 2016/17 financial year. |
|  | Manendzhe( Niani School premises) | No electricity |
|  | Masisi( School premises) | No security |
|  | Tshikonelo (Tribal office) | Not enough security |
|  | Vuwani( Regional office) | Additional security required |
|  | Olifantshoek( School premises) | No security |
|  | Makahlule( school premises) | No water and electricity connection and security |
|  | Kubvi ( school premises) | No electricity |
|  | Tshitale( open area at Moila) | No water and electricity connections |
|  | Ntsako(School premises) | No water and electricity connections |
|  | Timamogolo modular | No electricity |
|  | Phagameng modular | No electricity connections |
|  | Mookgopong modular | No electricity connections |
|  | Mpumalanga (2) | Thusiville | Newly built libraries | Libraries to be opened in 2017 |
|  | Archonhoek |
|  | Northern Cape (10) | Inasee Moshoeu (Frances Baard District) | Collapsing ceiling and roof due to rain leakages | Department of Public Works requested to appoint a Structural Engineer to assess the roof design and recommend interventions |
|  | Windsorton Library (Frances Baard District) | Burned down during protest actions | Department and Municipality looking at implementing a dual-purpose library. Consultations with the school to commence during March 2017 |
|  | Platfontein Container (Frances Baard District) | Vandalized | Sol Plaatje Municipality considering alternatives |
|  | Oasis (John Taolo Gaetsewe District) | Burned down during protest actions | Municipality has insured the building and busy with assessment of Assets. |
|  | Perth Container (John Taolo Gaetsewe District) | Staff resignation and one deceased. | Staff recruitment planned for 2017/ 2018 |
|  | Padstow Container (John Taolo Gaetsewe District) |
|  | Klipfontein (Namakwa District) |
|  | Tweerivier (Namakwa District) |
|  | Schmidsdrift Batlaping Container (Namakwa District ) | No staff | Siyancuma Municipality has appointed Library Assistant as from March 2017 |
|  | Lennertsville Container (ZF Mcgawu District) | Building upgrade but services are taking place at the school | Municipality busy with upgrading the container |
|  | North West (4) | Reagile (Kgetlengrivier) | Library closed due to the deterioration of the building. | Funds are available in 2017/18-2018/19 to upgrade the library.  Library users have been advised to use the library in Koster, which is about 5km from Reagile. |
|  | Piet Plessies (Kagisano Molopo) | Library was burn down in June 2016. | The local municipality committed to repair the structure as it was insured. |
|  | Bray (Kagisano Molopo) | The school where the library was housed closed down. | The municipality will provide alternative accommodation in an unused municipality building.  The Department has provided funding through transfer payment. |
|  | Utlwanang (Lekwa-Teemane) | A new project that was not completed. | Department of Public Works and Roads assisted the municipality by appointing a professional team to assess the building.  The Department and the Municipality will make funds available to complete the structure. |
|  | Western Cape (3) | Imizamo Yethu Satellite Library, Hout Bay (City of Cape town) | Structural damage caused by flooding. | This is a very small satellite library providing limited services. The main library is in Hout Bay and is within a 3 – 5 km radius. The service is current under policy review |
|  | Asla Park Mini Library, Mossel bay (Mossel Bay) | The building in which the Asla Library was housed, was burned during community protests in August 2014. | The Municipality is trying to obtain a suitable venue for the library. |
|  | Goodwood Correctional Service Library | The policy regarding staff taking personal responsibility for lost library material at the library. Losses are high at this library as it serves as a transition facility. | The Western Cape Library Service is engaging with Correctional Services management to review policy issues regarding correctional service libraries across the province. |
|  | Total **55** |  |  |  |

**The Honourable Member will notice that most of libraries that are contained in the list are located in deep rural areas of our country where infrastructure is at a minimum. However, as indicated efforts are at the high speed to make sure that in the coming financial year all of them are functional.**