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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.825**

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**825.Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether, with regard to the official opening of a Home Affairs office at Menlyn Park Shopping Centre on 6 March 2023, wherein he stated that, if successful, the plan is to roll out similar offices at Cresta Shopping Centre in Johannesburg, then to The Pavilion Shopping Centre in eThekwini and Tyger Valley Shopping Centre in Cape Town, his department intends to open such offices in (a) smaller shopping centres such as N1 City in Cape Town to take advantage of lower costs for rental of the floor space and (b) the rural areas such as Ulundi Shopping Centre in KwaZulu-Natal to service the rural communities; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW925E

**REPLY:**

1. The Department will consider opening offices in Malls in accordance with its Access Model and Footprint Development Strategy and take advantage of lower costs for rental or where rent is free like in Menlyn Mall, where we got a five year rent free agreement.
2. The current DHA office in Ulundi is located next to the shopping centre but our rural communities strategy is to deploy mobile units to better service the communities.

**END**