TO: **THE MINISTER**



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| **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION NO. 858 (Written) Mrs S P Kopane (DA) ASKED THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE** |

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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

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| To: | **MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS** | Ref: | **NA PQ No. 858 (Written)** |
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| **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION NO. 858 (WRITTEN) Mrs S P Kopane (DA) ASKED THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  Whether (a) her department, (b) any entity reporting to her and/or (c) any provincial department of public works owes any unpaid rates and services to any municipality; if so, in each case, (i) what amount is owed, (ii) to which municipality is each amount owed and (iii) by what date will the outstanding amount be settled? **NW1978E** |

The attached draft reply to Question 858(Written) is submitted for your consideration.

The input has been provided by the Inter-Governmental Coordination Unit.

**Reply**

1. (i) – (iii)

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructureis unable to confirm at this stage the amount that is owed to municipalities relating to municipal rates and services. The amounts that are reported by municipalities to National Treasury (Section 71 report) have been disputed by the Department. To this end, Department, together with the municipalities, is in the process of confirming and verifying the reported debt owed relating to municipal rates and services as published on the Section 71 reports. Engagements that have been held thus far with some of the municipalities have shown that the amounts reported by municipalities as owed by the Department are incorrect or cannot be substantiated by the municipalities. However, amounts on properties that have been verified and confirmed for which custodianship rests with the Department are settled on a monthly basis as and when invoices are received from the municipalities. The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is committed to settling all debts owed to municipalities relating to municipal rates and services as and when the outstanding amount is confirmed and verified with the various municipalities through sign-offs between the Department and the municipality. In terms of the project plan developed by the Department to verify and confirm the amounts due, the targeted date for completion is 30 June 2020.

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2. The Department is unable to confirm the amounts owed by any provincial Department of Public Works and would advise that the question should be directed to the various Provincial Departments of Public Works.

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**MR. M MOHWASA**

**ADDG: INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

**DATE:**

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**ADV. S VUKELA**

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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**MS. N KIVIET, MP**

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRUSTRUCTURE**

**DATE:**

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**MS. P DE LILLE, MP**

**MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRUSTRUCTURE**

**DATE:**



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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 858 [NW1978E]**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.: 14**

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**DATE OF REPLY: 11 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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