

PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

QUESTION PAPER: WRITTEN REPLY NO 7 – 2024

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2024

**1. Mr F C Christians to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:**

With regard to the construction mafia that is hindering construction and housing building projects in the province:

What percentage of (a) projects is affected and (b) this is housing projects?

**RESPONSE**

As background, Member Christians is referred to written reply 2 on the Question Paper of 4 September 2024. The number of disrupted construction projects constitutes roughly 2% of the over 300 projects in the Province.

Projects vary in size, economic significance, value and location. For instance, projects located in rural areas are less likely to fall foul of the activities of the construction mafia than high value projects in a metropolitan area. In addition, specifically in the case of human settlements projects, the number of housing opportunities is the critical consideration not the number of projects. So, a housing project planned to deliver 9000 opportunities cannot be compared from a percentage point of view to a housing project planned to deliver only 50 opportunities. To use the percentage metric of disruptions in relation to planned projects is therefore misleading, particularly in relation to human settlements projects.



**MR TERTUIS SIMMERS**

**MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**DATE:**

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