

QUESTION PAPER - WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 26 JULY 2024

2. Mr B N Herron to ask Mr T A Simmers, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (1) What was the (a) target for serviced sites in his Department's Business Plan and (b) number of serviced sites delivered in the (i) 2019/20, (ii) 2020/21, (iii) 2021/22, (iv) 2022/23 and (v) 2023/24 financial year;
- (2) what was the (a) target for houses or units in his Department's Business Plan and (b) number of houses or units delivered in the same period as in (1) above;
- (3) what was the (a) Informal Settlements Upgrade Grant (ISUG) voted for in the same period as in (1) above and (b) related expenditure in the same period as in (1) above?

Response:

(1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(2)(a)(b)(3)(a)(b) refer to table below.

Financial Year	1		2		3	
	(a) Target for serviced sites	(b) Number of serviced sites delivered	(a) Target for houses or units	(a) Number of houses or units delivered	(a) Allocation (R'000)	(b) Expenditure (R'000)
(i) 2019/20	6,486	5,842	9,723	8,038	Grant not yet introduced	
(ii) 2020/21	5,697	5,204	8,506	6,247		
(iii) 2021/22	6,324	3,973	8,272	6,191	R457,429	R421,511
(iv) 2022/23	2,747	1,230	8,463	5,380	R489,834	R377,839
(v) 2023/24	1,650	693	5,833	4,998	R557,936	R335,540

In terms of the 2019/20 to 2021/22 financial year, it is important to note the impact Covid-19 and stringent lockdown measures have impacted the construction industry, not only provincially or nationally, but also globally.

The level 5 lockdown, or “hard lockdown,” safety measures were enforced for six weeks, halting all work in the industry. Thereafter, when lockdown measures were slightly relaxed, the infrastructure industry, could not immediately commence with work as it had to adapt to what was called the “new normal” and implement necessary measure to prevent the spread of the virus.

The impact of the pandemic had even wider spread effects on the industry. According to the CIDB report, these effects included interruptions in the supply of material; job losses; loss of revenue which caused staff reductions; increased prices; major firms closing down; etc.

The pandemic itself, as well as its far-reaching subsequent impact on the construction industry at large and over time, must be taken into account in this regard.

TERTUIS SIMMERS

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

DATE: