

## ANNEXURE B

## ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO CLLR B MAJINGO'S QUESTION

- 1) Please provide a list of the pieces of land that have been sold and/or leased since you took office as Mayor of the City of Cape Town, broken down by type and year/month of sale?
  - See attached spreadsheet.
  
- 2) When you saw these transactions at (1), what consideration have you given understanding the shortage of land and backlog on human settlement?
  - When Property Management (PM) disposes of city-owned land, a technical circulation to all Departments are done requesting comments to the disposal. These comments include any conditions imposed by the particular Department or the need to retain the asset for their operational use.
  - In terms of Section 14 of the MFMA, the City can only alienate land that is NOT required for the provision of basic municipal purposes. In other words, when any Department identifies a site which PM intends to dispose of for operational use (such as the provision of housing), PM do not proceed with the disposal. In addition, all Departments apply for the reservation of Council owned land for their operational needs based on their own multi-year strategic operational and capital budget plans.
  - Approximately 237 reservation requests, with a total extent in the region of 2 957,4134ha, have been actioned. This equates to about 2 957 rugby fields in area reserved for human settlements
  - Decisions on the disposal of City property are taken by the Council.
  
- 3) Can you provide figures for human settlement projects starts and completions funded by the City of Cape Town through grants?
  - *It must be emphasized that the human settlements projects are not funded by City of Cape Town grants, but National Grants (HSDG and USDG). A List of all projects is attached.*
  
- 4) Can you also provide figures for backlog since 2016, broken down by type and year/month?
  - *Less than 1% of applicants indicated the type of accommodation required, see spreadsheet attached.*
  
- 5) Please provide reasons why the City of Cape Town does not publish beneficiary [sic] as is required by law?
  - *The beneficiary list is only published after the selection is made and for a limited period as prescribed by the City's Approved Allocation Policy. All applicants are also free to check their status on the database by sending their identity number to 44108 or they may access the City's website at <https://web1.capetown.gov.za/web1/HWL2012Online/>.*

6) Please set out the specific actions and deadlines to be taken in addressing the backlog and beneficiary question?

- Potential beneficiaries are shortlisted from the City's Housing Needs Database (HNDB) based on the relevant project selection criteria as recommended by the PSC and reviewed and recommended for approval by the AOC and signed off by senior management and the Mayco member for HS. The criteria include setting a target area from which to draw applicants from the HNDB relevant to the number of housing opportunities to be provided, quota percentages for special needs (aged & disabled) and from the general housing waiting list.
  - The target area selection is based on the residential addresses of potential applicants as recorded on the HNDB at the date that the potential beneficiaries' names are extracted from the HNDB. This is where the principal problem arises in complaints being received. Applicants fail to keep their residential addresses and other personal details up-to-date, thus, they may find themselves not being selected as they are recorded as residing outside the target area. They may also fail to indicate that there is a disability in the household.
  - The City undertakes periodic interventions to encourage applicants to update their details via mailshots, notices in community newspapers and local registration drives. In January and February 2020 a major registration drive was undertaken in partnership with the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements. Members of the public are able to apply for a housing opportunity online via the City's website (<https://web1.capetown.gov.za/web1/HWL2012Online/>), where they can also update their details. They may also use the sms number 44108 to which they can send their id number followed by their surname
  - It is ultimately the applicant's responsibility to keep their details up-to-date with full names, identity number, partner/spouses details, marital status and any permanent physical disability in the household as well as their contact details and their address.
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