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ANNEXURE A

QUESTION TO THE MAYOR FOR WRITTEN REPLY IN TERMS OF SECTION 22 OF THE ORDER RULES

Council meeting 28 April 2016

Could the Mayor explain the following to Council:

1. What is the policy on, and how does the City of Cape Town deal with, people who arrive in the metro without having made any prior arrangements for housing and/or settlement;
2. What is the policy on, and how does the City of Cape Town deal with, illegal settlement
 - a) on Council property,
 - b) on private property; and
 - c) on property owned by state and parastatal institutions;
3. What is the policy and the planning to address the continued influx of people without housing;
4. What exactly is the specific policy and mechanism of dealing with continued threatened illegal settlement on the road reserve of the N2 near Strand/Somerset West;
5. Whether there is any permanent task force/ working committee in place between the City and parastatal institutions such as specifically Sanral with respect to the N2 road reserve near Strand/Somerset West, and if not, why not;
6. Whether there is any arrangement with the Western Cape provincial authorities and/or SA Police Services to manage and/or deal with this situation; and if not, why not; and
7. Whether the Mayor would consider referring the entire issue of urbanisation to a multi-party investigation/task team that includes all possible roleplayers in the process in order to find an orderly and responsible direction-giving solution.

Cllr Andre Fourie
Freedom Front Plus

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ANNEXURE B

REPLY FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TO QUESTION FROM CLLR A FOURIE FOR COUNCIL MEETING 28 APRIL 2016

1. The policy to deal with such persons is the same as for persons who are currently living in Cape Town and who are dependent on the City for their housing needs. They must apply to the City and await their turn to be assisted with a formal housing opportunity.

If they find themselves in an informal area, they will access services in the same way as other people in the same area.

2.
 - a) The City has an Anti-Land Invasion Unit to stop planned land invasions on City owned land. The City has 204 recognised informal settlements areas
 - b) The City has no jurisdictional power on private property and can only play an advisory and monitoring role. Private land owners must take responsibility for their property
 - c) These properties are deemed to be private property.
 3. Apartheid influx control does no longer exist and people can live and work in areas of their choice. The long term plan to deal with urbanisation is through the implementation of the Integrated Human Settlements Framework which looks at addressing the housing need of approximately 652 000 households by 2032
 4. The mechanism for dealing with any land invasion on private or parastatal property is to inform the landowners immediately when an invasion occurs. SANRAL has appointed a private security company to patrol and protect their property.
 5. Engagement with SANRAL and the City would be on a project specific basis.
 6. As stated above, the arrangement between the Anti-Land Invasion Unit and the parastatal land owners is to inform them immediately when an invasion occurs. In addition the landowners have the right to obtain an interdict to stop and remove land invaders.
 7. Urbanisation is managed in a transversal manner throughout all departments affected by it.
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