

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 102

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Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- 1. Whether any progress has been made with the establishment of new community libraries; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many libraries, (b) where are the libraries situated and (c) how many of these are operational;**
- 2. whether any existing community libraries have been upgraded; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) where are they situated?**

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REPLY:

PROGRESS MADE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMUNITY LIBRARIES AND UPGRADED COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Eastern Cape

1. Yes there has been progress made with the established of new community libraries.
 - (a) 01 Library,
 - (b). Mdantsane library in the Buffalo City

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.
 - (a) 32 libraries

- (b) They are situated in Bavians municipality (Steytleville and Hillview libraries), Blue Crane municipality (Dr Ngcipe library), Camdeboo municipality (Masizakhe library), Ndlambe municipality (Free Stone library), Kouga municipality (Nomzamo and Hankey West libraries), Sunday River municipality (Kirkwood library), Matatiele municipality (Cerdaville and Matatiele libraries), Ngcobo municipality (Ngcobo library), Nxuba Yethemba municipality (Cradock Town library), Lukhanyu municipality (Mlungisi library), Nkwana municipality (Elliot library), KSD municipality (Ngangelizwe library), Mhlontlo municipality (Qumbu Library), Elundini municipality (Mt Fletcher library), Gariiep municipality (Mzamomhle library), Senqu municipality (Barkly East library), Great Kei municipality (Kei Mouth, HagaHaga and Komga libraries), Mbashe municipality (Eliotdale, Willowvale and Nqamakwe libraries), Nkonkobe municipality (Fort Beaufort, Newtown, Washington Bongco and Alice libraries) and in Nxuba municipality (Adelaide, Bezuidenhout and Bedford libraries).

Free State

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 4 new libraries have been completed,
 - (b) Fateng Tse Ntsho library in Thabo Mufutsanyane Municipality, Selosesha library in Motheo Municipality as well as Refenkgotso and Qalabotjha libraries in Fezile Dabi Municipality.
 - (c) All 4 libraries are operational.

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.
 - (a) 18 community libraries upgraded, and

- (b) they are situated in Virginia, Welkom, Sasolburg, Dithake, Edenburg, Trompsburg, Phahameng, Meloding, Brandfort, Kroonstad, Bohlokong, Hloholwane, Phuthaditjhaba, Harrismith, Kutlwanong, Masilo, Thabong and Riebeeckstad.

Gauteng

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 3 new libraries established.
 - (b) Sicelo library in Midvaal, Ratanda X7 and Hekpoort library in Mogale City.
 - (c) Sicelo library in Midvaal has been completed and will be opened in November 2009, the renovation of the building is almost completed in Ratanda X7 and Hekpoort library in Mogale City has been completed.

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.
 - (a) 4 libraries upgraded.
 - (b) Krugersdorp library in Mogale City has been completed. Upgrading of Rethabiseng library in Kungwini Municipality is going on as planned, the foundation and walls are completed. The extension of Zithobi library in Kungwini municipality has been completed. The extension of Refilwe Library in Nokeng Tsa Taemane has been completed.

KwaZulu-Natal

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 4 new libraries were established.
 - (b) These are all situated in rural and disadvantaged areas in Msinga, Eziqoleni, Malangeni and King Dinuzulu.
 - (c) All 4 libraries are operational.

2. No upgrading of existing community libraries has been funded due to financial constraints.

Limpopo

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 2 new libraries established.
 - (b) Thulamela and Fetakgomo Municipalities.
 - (c) All 2 libraries are still under construction and will be completed in the next financial year, 2010/11.

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.
 - (a) 15 libraries upgraded.
 - (b) In Capricorn Municipality (Morebeng, Mogwadi, Aganang and Alldays), in Mopani Municipality (Soetfontein, Gravelotte and Xihlobo), in Sekhukhune Municipality (Mable Hall, Roosenekal, Jane Furse, Ohrigstad, Mapodile and Groblesdal) and in Waterberg Municipality (Thabazimbi and Mogalakwena).

Mpumalanga

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 3 new libraries established.
 - (b) They are situated in Thembisile Hani, Bushbuckridge and Seme municipalities.
 - (c) All 3 libraries are operational.

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.
 - (a) 13 libraries have been upgraded.
 - (b) They are situated in JS Moroka Municipality (Marapyane library), Steve Tshwete Municipality (Doornkop library), Thaba Tshweu Municipality (Leroro and Mashishing libraries), Bushbuckridge (Dwarsloop library), Nkomazi Municipality (Kwamachekeza and Emfuntini libraries), Albert Luthuli Municipality (ELikwatini library), Mkhondo Municipality (Piet Retief library), Msukaligwa Municipality (Wesselton library) Govan Mbeki Municipality (Mzinoni library), Mbombela municipality (Nelspruit Regional library) and in KwaMhlanga. Mashishing community library was burnt down during the riots.

Northern Cape

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 3 new libraries established.
 - (b) They are situated in Richmond, Hartswater and Barkly Wes.
 - (c) The construction of the 3 libraries is still in progress and not operational yet.

2. Yes there has been progress made with the upgradings in existing community libraries.

- (a) 12 libraries have been upgraded
- (b) Dikgathlong, Kgalagadi DM, Tsantsabane, KhaiMa, NamaKhoi, KharaHais, Thembelihle, Kgatelopele, Phokwane, Magareng, Sol Plaatje and Richtersveld.

North West

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.

- (a) 4 new libraries established.
- (b) Tlhabane (Rustenburg Municipality), Morokweng (Kagisano Municipality), Greenspark (Merafong Municipality) and Ikageng (Tlokwe Municipality).
- (c) 2 libraries are now fully operational. Greenspark (Merafong Municipality) and Ikageng (Tlokwe Municipality) sites were handed over to the building contractors in October 2009 to start the construction of the libraries. The completion of the projects is expected in the first quarter of 2010/11.

2. Yes, community libraries have been upgraded.

- (a) 22 community libraries have been upgraded.
- (b) Merafong municipality (Carltonville, Welverdiend and Wedela libraries), Naledi municipality (Huhudi and Vryburg libraries), Kagisano municipality (Ganyesa library), Lekwa-Teemane (Christiana and Bloemhof libraries), Mamusa municipality (Schweizer-Reneke library), Ditsobotla municipality (Lichtenburg, Coligny and

Tlhabologang libraries), Greater Taung municipality (Louis de Beer and Danville libraries), Tswaing municipality (Delareyville and Sannieshof libraries), Matlosane municipality (Manzilpark, Orkney, Alabama and Matlosane libraries) and Kgetleng municipality (Koster and Swartruggens libraries).

Western Cape

1. Yes there has been progress made with the establishment of new community libraries.
 - (a) 1 new library established.
 - (b) The library is situated in Gouda, Drakenstein Municipality.
 - (c) The Gouda library is operational.

2. No upgrading of existing community libraries has been funded in the recent years due to financial constraints.