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Minister Sisulu Receives A report On Talana Temporary Residential Units

The Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu has received and is currently studying a report from the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) on the Talana Temporary Residential Units (TRUs) constructed for occupants in the overcrowded Talana Hostel units in Tzaneen, Limpopo.

Following public concerns about the 40 TRUs handed over by the Limpopo Premier, the National Department of Human Settlements instructed the NHBRC to investigate the quality and compliance status of the completed units and carry out a technical verification of the quality and compliance with norms and standards as well as requirements as set out in the National Housing Code (2009).

The Minister will review the report and has made an undertaking that findings and recommendations on the Provincial Human Settlements project will be communicated to the public.

The Minister has also noted the dissatisfaction of some members of the communities about the construction of temporary emergency structures at Mamelodi hostels in the City of Tshwane. If residents of Mamelodi Hostels prefer to wait for permanent houses instead of these temporary structures, a consideration will be made. However, it is worth noting that these structures were being built to reduce the number of occupants in the overcrowded hostel units in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 and were not meant to be permanent as reported in some media houses.

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