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RESPONSES TO QUESTION POSED BY GAUTENG LEGISLATURE

**Invitation to Feedback Session on the
FIS Roundtable on the Implications of
termination of Non-Profit
Organisations (NPO) Funding on the
provision of service delivery**

The Department is requested to provide the latest developments on the suspended NPOs as per the list as was submitted by the Department upon the request of the Committee.

Response

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet annexure for details per NPO.

Since these NPOs' funding was suspended, if their suspension still stands, what is the alternative plan for the beneficiaries, which is currently in place? (Evidence is required)

Response

The Department puts out an advert on an annual basis for NPOs to apply for funding support. The adverts are on the basis of compliance, eligibility to our mandate and availability of funds, NPOs are then considered for funding or funded.

The listed NPOs are non-compliant and therefore not eligible to receive funding. Behind this context, it is therefore incorrect to allege that " these NPOs' funding was suspended".

In a case, where another NPO absorbed the beneficiaries, are they provided additional funding?

Response

Please refer to the above response above.

How far is the process of working with municipalities in developing a task team that is meant to focus on non-compliance of NPOs as part of speeding the process of responding to related queries?

Response

As previously responded to Legislature Question SD048, it is the sole responsibility of the NPOs to ensure compliance.

The Department is requested to provide a report on the outcomes, in relation to the list of suspended NPOs as per the attachment, especially in cases where there were municipal findings that prompted the suspension?

Response

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet annexure for details per NPO.

What is the role of the Department in case where there is a need to review and a possible inclusion of new norms and standards that will improve service delivery

Response

The Department has provided training to municipalities regarding their role in ensuring that childcare facilities comply with relevant legislation and are safe for children. A workshop took place on July 5-6, 2023, aimed at identifying and addressing the challenges and obstacles leading to non-compliance of childcare facilities in Gauteng.

Following the workshop, regions have initiated efforts to establish forums with key stakeholders to collaborate on implementing the Children's Act and resolving non-compliance issues.

Engagements with municipalities are ongoing, particularly concerning the registration of older persons' facilities in accordance with the Older Persons Act No. 13 of 2006. It is important to note that compliance with legislative and policy requirements remains the sole responsibility of the NPOs.

The Department is requested to provide further response on the status quo around their interaction with Public Works Department on the six buildings and further outlining the purpose for which these buildings will be utilized

Response

The User Agreement was signed by the Head of the Department of Social Development on September 1st, 2023, and the Head of the Department of Infrastructure Development signed it on August 14th, 2023. The document has been submitted to the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI) for final approval. The buildings will be used to accommodate victims of Gender-Based Violence.

The Department is requested to provide an updated report on the status of Takalani Centre for the Disabled in Soweto

Response

The organization remains suspended due to non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the service level agreement. Given that the centre is a residential facility and is an essential service, the organization was put under temporary administration in the interest of beneficiaries.

The services are continuing under the watch of the temporary administrator and DSD funding has also been released to be under the care & control of the temporary administrator.

Yours sincerely


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