

BILLIONS LOOTED — REPORT

By SUN REPORTER

PEOPLE say that corrupt ANC government officials eat money.

And now Treasury officials are beginning to discover just how big the mouths of these greedy people are.

A Treasury audit report has revealed that no less than R1,6 billion was looted from just one of Mzansi's provinces in the space of six years.

The report, compiled by Treasury's special audit services between 2011 and last year, details how a number of companies, individuals and government agencies allegedly helped themselves to more than R1,6 billion. This included the Independent Development Trust and the South African National Roads Agency.

No progress as greedy people fill their pockets

The money was supposed to be used to build roads, schools and houses in the Eastern Cape.

These money eaters bought themselves top-of-the-range cars, suits from exclusive boutiques and wine and dined in some of Mzansi's finest restaurants.

Mobile classrooms, roads and social housing became big money spinners instead of helping those who voted the party into power.

City Press reported yesterday how the Social Housing Regulatory Authority, which falls under the Department of Hu-

man Settlements, was for instance paid R341 million for housing projects for the poor. Of the R341 million, the authority paid R61 million to one construction company to build houses in East London.

But nothing was built. About R4,8 million of the R61 million was illegally transferred to 11 personal bank accounts with which those involved bought cars, suits worth R10 000 and R1 800 was spent at a restaurant in East London.

The Eastern Cape Human Settlements Department did not respond to questions from *City Press*. In another case, three

companies were paid more than R260 million to provide mobile classrooms.

One of them was paid R10 million for mobile classrooms for four schools, but nothing was delivered. Of the R380 million given to those three companies, R280 million was awarded without any tenders.

The shocking report also detailed how the mismanaged Eastern Cape Roads and Public Works Department awarded a large chunk of road construction projects worth R914 million to the trust, roads agency and the Coega Development Corporation – all at the same time.