

Municipalities fail to spend on public works

MUNICIPALITIES in all nine provinces have failed to spend R35.254 million allocated in 2018-19 for the expanded public works programme as at June.

This has prompted the National Treasury to kick-start a process that will lead in the surrendering of the unspent millions of rand.

Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille revealed this in a written response to a parliamentary question from DA MP Samantha Graham. Graham had enquired which municipalities failed to surrender unspent funds in full and what amounts were outstanding.

De Lille said the National Treasury was finalising the 2018-19 roll-over process. "All municipalities will be given 14 days to raise any objections where requests were not approved," she said. | **MAYIBONGWE MAQHINA**