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Minister of Public Works

Hon. Chairperson of the Select Committee

Hon permanent and special Delegates

Premiers and MECs Present

Fellow South Africans

It gives me great pleasure to be participating in this debate about building our motherland on, Africa Day. A day on which leaders of our great continent met and worked out a path to freedom and development for Africa, some fifty nine years ago. Happy Africa Day to all.

We have come here to assert our role in the rebuilding and revitalising of our economy and, thereby to discharge our duty to the great country. There is no doubt that our country has had a fair share of socio-economic challenges in the recent past including an economy that is sluggish, complicating the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality.

In his acceptance having been elected first President of the OAU, Emperor Haile Selassie said “The task on which we have embarked, the making of Africa, will not wait. We must act, to shape and mould the future and leave our imprint on events as

they slip past into history”. And today, for us that task is about Economic Recovery and Reconstruction.

Our department with the rest of government has a duty and a responsibility to help the Nation to transcend the current difficulties, in terms of ERR and thereby also live up to what our people expect and so deserve of us. We dare not fail them!

The steps that we are embarking on to realise recovery trajectory, is to ensure that all our entities have a clear foot mark in all provinces

IDT

IDT, an entity of the department is currently embarking on various projects in almost all provinces. These include the projects in EC where the entity has partnered with the department of Education to build and refurbish various schools in the province.

In Gauteng the entity is busy with the DCS facilities.

In Limpopo working with DoH to build and renovate health facilities.

In NC DoE is renovating an old unutilised school into a state of the art Redirile school in the Galeshewe township.

CBE

Council plans to support all our districts on the implementation of the structured candidacy programme while ensuring that the sector drives demand and increases productivity.

Over the medium-term the CBE will continue to advocate for the Councils for the Built Environment Professions' (CBEP) contributions to social, economic and environmental development.

In Limpopo the council is working with the Premiers office to coordinate all interventions pertaining to DDM implementation.

In KZN besides providing assistance in mobilizing-built environment capacity to assist with disaster recovery, they are involved in career awareness programme with CETA (construction education and training Authority) and DHET in UMgungundlovu district targeting at least 2000 leaners.

CBE allocation for this financial year is 54,4 Million compared to 53,5 million of the last financial year

CIDB

CIDB, Concluded an organization design process in order to be more effective in delivering on the mandate. The primary focus of the process is development, transformation, industry performance improvement and promotion of ethical conduct. They have a presence in every province in order to deliver on

this mandate. In terms of development they assist client departments, to move from planning to implementation stage with the aim of developing all players in the built environment value chain.

In KZN and WC CIDB has partnered with the City of Cape Town (CoCT) and department of Transport respectively to deliver on projects where they assist with contractor registrations and ensuring that contractors meet the necessary requirements for registration.

This has resulted in the improvement of National Contractor Development program.

In terms of gender empowerment and transformation they focus on women and recognize excellence among women in construction.

More than 500 learners received workplace experiential training during 2020/2021, and the support is continuing.

For the current year CIDB allocation is R80 Million

Agreement South Africa

Has processed and issued 16 certifications for innovative built environment products and systems in the year 2021/2022.

These included alternative building technologies.

We intend to continue holding the hand of this entity which is busy with a business plan for the establishment of a

sustainability rating tool for public buildings and is currently administering a government, ready to be launched eco-labelling scheme on behalf of the Department. Having realised that many South Africans are not aware of what the entity is working on, they are embarking on a roadshow to showcase their service countrywide.

ASA's allocation this financial year is 33,9 Million

As I conclude I must make the point that our department has many challenges and weaknesses. We are committed to turning it around and ensure service delivery for the betterment of our country. Didn't Karl Marx talk about people who have only described the world, in various ways? Our responsibility is to change it.

We believe "success is not measured by what a person accomplishes, but by the opposition they have encountered and the courage with which they have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds" author unknown.

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