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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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***Relocation of staff members***

**200. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

Whether, with reference to the relocation of staff members of the Free State Provincial Disaster Management Centre (details furnished), she will intervene to ensure that the building of such a centre is rehabilitated and re-opened as a matter of urgency; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will she intervene, (b) when is it envisioned that such a centre will be able to function optimally and (c) what are the further relevant details in this regard? CW207E

**REPLY:**

The Minister will intervene through the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre to ensure that the Free State Disaster Management Centre is restored or newly established to meet provisions of section 29 of the Disaster Management Act, No 57 of 2002.

a) The intervention was planned for the March 2023, however, the energy crisis and widespread flood occurrences that both necessitated declarations of national states of disaster, with inherent coordination responsibilities conferred upon the National Disaster Management Centre, warranted a postponement of the intervention. The Head of the NDMC and the head of Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs will meet in the first week of April 2023 to explore the different options that can be pursued to ensure that a fully compliant disaster management centre is established.

- b) A date on which the centre will be able to function optimally can only be determined after discussions with the provincial CoGTA. It should be established if the province has the resources to refurbish the old centre and equip it with a dedicated disaster management ICT system..
- c) It may also be necessary to involve the provincial Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport as as the custodian of state properties in the Free State, for acquisition of a compliant premises.

**End.**