439. Mr M S Shackleton (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the Government’s reprioritisation of R33.4 billion over the 2019-2022 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for service delivery and infrastructure development will take into account areas that have never had running water, such as Wards 8, 13, 14, 49 and 95 in Hammanskraal in Gauteng; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

REPLY:

Water supply infrastructure is funded through various grants, including the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant, the Water Services Infrastructure Grant and the Municipal Infrastructure Grant. In metropolitan municipalities like the City of Tshwane, where these wards are located, the Urban Settlements Development Grant is a supplementary grant for municipal infrastructure services. The grant allocations are based on household backlogs and poverty weighted data.

The choice of which projects are funded from the Urban Settlements Development Grant is determined by metropolitan municipalities. Projects must be identified in the municipality’s Integrated Development Plan and then included in their Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan.