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MR DA WORTH TO ASK THE MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) With reference to the R20 000 grant by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to the SA Local Government Association in the Free State for a councillor graduation ceremony, (a) what was the nature of the graduation and (b) who were the councillors involved?
- (2) whether the ceremony contributed to development in the province; if not, why did the DBSA give such a grant; if so, what are the relevant details? **C80E**

REPLY:

- (1) In responding to this question, I would like to point out that I am responding in my capacity as the responsible Minister for the DBSA. As Minister, I cannot account for how specific funds are spent, as it is the Board of the DBSA which is the accounting authority. I have, however, requested the DBSA to provide a response to this question, and I have been advised as follows:

The Development Fund allocated grant funding to the value of R600 000 to South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in the Free State (then Freeloga) towards the training of councillors and officials in the 2002/03 financial year. A total of 137 councilors were trained in the following modules;

- Managerial roles and responsibilities;
- Municipal legislation;
- Human resources management
- Integrated development planning;
- Land and housing;
- Financial management and
- Municipal service delivery

The training was provided by Vantage Training and Management, University of the Free State and Technikon Pretoria.

- (a) The graduation ceremony was held in honour of the councillors who successfully completed their courses. Since the DBSA Development Fund had supported the training, it allocated a further R20 000 to supplement the cost of the ceremony which was organised by SALGA Free State.
 - (b) A list of councillors who were enrolled for the programme is attached as **Annexure A**.
- (2) The graduation ceremony was held to mark the outcome of the capacity building intervention for the municipalities that participated in the programme and as a demonstrational effect to other municipalities with a potential for replication.