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485. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Finance: [★12]
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Whether her department has developed any interventions to assist municipalities to strengthen their supply chain management to ensure that they do not only focus on procedural compliance, but have the necessary capacity to deliver quality projects (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what interventions and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY

a) and b) Yes, the department has developed various initiatives to strengthen the supply chain management capabilities of municipalities as outlined below.

Capacity Building on SCM

Supply Chain Management (SCM) officials were enrolled for the NQF Level 5, programme within various municipalities of the Mpumalanga Province. The SCM learnership programme has been developed to ensure that municipal SCM officials have the requisite knowledge, skills and values to deliver government projects on time and within budget in a cost-effective and efficient manner. All the SCM officials successfully completed the programme

Nkomazi, Chief Albert Luthuli, Dr Pixley Isaka Ka Seme and Mkhondo Local Municipalities in Mpumalanga received support on the SCM and Infrastructure Management. Policies and Toolkits that will serve as a guide for officials were developed and will be rolled out to other municipalities once the pilot programme is completed.

Municipal Finance Improvement Programme

SCM Support and Capacity Building

SCM is one of the critical six game changers on which the Programme focuses, and as of 31 March 2022, the MFIP procured 8 SCM TAs supporting 8 entities both at the national and provincial governments. The TAs workplan is outlined in a form of a support plan which details the institutional and technical support. The support includes SCM policies and SOPs review, SCM compliance, contract management and value for money management etc.

In the period of FY2021-22, the capacity building and skills transfer initiatives for SCM included: 386 capacity-building sessions held, involving 2 230 officials, which is more than double compared to the previous financial year. In the Q1 (1 March – 30 June 2022) of this financial year, the SCM support interventions can be summed up with 97 capacity-building sessions with 897 officials.