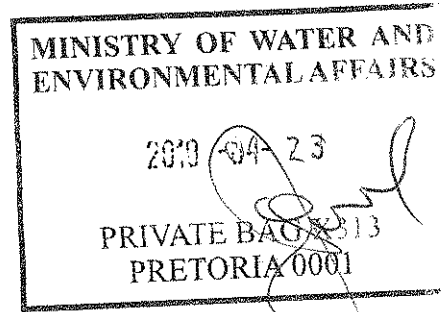




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1215 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs A T Lovemore (DA); is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 21-04-2010

~~DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED~~

MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 26/04/2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1215

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 10)

1215. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Why was the Somerset East wastewater treatment works not (a) included in the assessment for Green Drop certification and (b) awarded a zero rating on the basis of the municipality's admission to the department that the works are dysfunctional;
- (2) whether other wastewater treatment works were not included in the assessment on the basis of their dysfunctionality; if not, (a) which works were excluded from assessment and (b) what are the reasons for excluding works from assessment; if so, (i) what are the details of these works and (ii) why were they not awarded a zero score?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Somerset East Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) was not assessed for Green Drop Certification because the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality did not present their information to be assessed.
- (1)(b) My Department is not aware of any admission by the municipality that the Somerset East WWTW was dysfunctional. Whilst the lack of information does constitute uncertainty and a risk, it would be unfair to award a zero rating if WWTW information had not been assessed.
- (2)(a) A fair number of municipalities did not present information for assessment, however, my Department is not aware of any WWTWs which could have been excluded from the Green Drop Assessments due to their dysfunctionality.
- (2)(b)(i) WWTWs which were excluded from assessment were those where information was not presented by the municipalities for assessment.
- (2)(b)(ii) The use of zero score in relation to non-presentation of information will be clarified in the Green Drop Report once I have released it.

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