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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1329 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)

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

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QUESTION NO 1329

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**1329. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether all water service authorities in Limpopo have submitted water services development plans to her department as required by section 15(3) of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997; if not, (a) which water service authorities have not submitted such plans and (b) what action has been taken to ensure the development of plans by noncompliant authorities;
- (2) whether all water service authorities in Limpopo have submitted annual reports on the implementation of their respective water services development plans to her department in the 2007-08 and 2008-09 financial years as required by section 18(2)(b) of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997; if not, (a) which water service authorities have not submitted such reports and (b) what action has been taken to ensure the submission of reports by noncompliant authorities?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) No. Not all Water Services Authorities (WSAs) in Limpopo have submitted their water services development plans (WSDPs). During the previous financial year, my Department only received three adopted WSDPs from the WSAs of Mopani, Polokwane and Bela-Bela. The WSAs of Vhembe and Capricorn have developed interim WSDPs while WSAs of Thabazimbi, Lephalale, Modimolle, Mogalakwena, Mookgopong and Sekhukhune have started with the process of developing draft WSDPs.
- (1)(b) During the comprehensive assessment of WSDPs certain sections have been identified that need direct support to enable a better understanding of the requirements. Operations and Maintenance, Demand Management, Financial Planning and Water Resource Planning are sections that form part of a newly developed Module 1 WSDP guideline. My Department engages in a cooperative process with the WSAs by means of utilizing the new Module 1 prescribed guidelines to complete available information on all eleven WSAs in the Province.  
  
My Department is committed to facilitate the development of WSDPs through a national programme that is focused at WSA level, and have guidelines available to ensure compliance with the various norms and standards as well as Integrated Development Planning (IDP) processes.
- (2)(a) No. None of the WSAs have submitted annual reports with regards to progress on water services delivery in their area of jurisdiction to my Department.
- (2)(b) My Department has planned a Phase 2 (two) of the Module 1 (one) WSDP guideline implementation to include a performa WSA report that will align with the Water Services Authority's delivery targets in their WSDP and IDP. My Department will facilitate the completion of such plans to be included in future annual reports as part of our Local Government support programme.

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