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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1354 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: 17/5/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 22/05/2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1354

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1354. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department will take any regulatory action against six provinces in light of their performance assessment with regard to drinking water quality management being listed as crisis in the Regulatory Performance Measurement System report (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what action?

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REPLY:

Being a totally new system and process, the roll out of the innovative Regulatory Performance Measurement System (RPMS) to municipalities took longer than anticipated. In the start up year running over the municipal financial year 2008/09, the main focus was on data collection. Our team is currently preparing for the second round of data collection for the 2009/10 financial year.

Based on the above, it will be more realistic for my Department to take regulatory actions based on the most recent results of the 2009/10 RPMS report and not on outdated information. For example drinking water quality information in the 2008/09 RPMS report is linked to the 2009 Blue Drop Report as the 2010 Blue Drop Report was not finalized at the time the RPMS report was drafted.

My Department intends to strictly follow the RPMS calendar in the next cycle, allowing enough time for regulatory actions (RAs).

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