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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1428 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: 25/5/10


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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1428. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) What does the War on Leaks programme launched by her Deputy Minister in Mogale City during Water Week 2010 comprise, (b) what funding has been made available for this programme, (c) how many people are expected to be employed as part of this programme and (d) under what conditions of service;
- (2) (a) which municipalities are being targeted for involvement in the programme, (b) what is the percentage of treated water lost as a result of leaks in (i) each of the identified municipalities and (ii) the ten municipalities in the country known to have the highest loss of water due to leaks and (c) what financial allocation has been made to each identified municipality;
- (3) who will (a) administer the programme, (b) ensure that the funding is utilised for the intended purposes and (c) monitor and report on the expected decrease in water lost to leaks?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The War on Leaks Programme launched in Mogale City repaired leaking taps, pipes and retrofitted wasteful devices. As this township has a potential of saving 0.27 to 2 million kilolitres of water over a period of 5 years in the selected 10 households and Boipelo primary school were selected through the municipal billing system as high water consumers users in Kagiso township. Since the launch of the programme, the Boipelo primary school has reduced its consumption from an average of 1900 kilolitres to 1255 kilolitres.
- (1)(b) An initial funding of R2 million has been allocated.
- (1)(c) A total of 12 unemployed local youth were trained and are currently working on the selected 10 households and Boipelo Primary School. The number of people temporarily employed could increase as the scope of work expands.
- (1)(d) The local youth employed is on a temporary basis however, should the programme expand, Mogale City will have to develop and manage a recruitment strategy.
- (2)(a) Currently Mogale City municipality is the only one participating in Gauteng with the intention to expand the programme throughout the province as part of implementing the Water Conservation and Demand Management Programme.

- (2)(b)(i) In 2008/09 Mogale City lost 34% of treated water through the system as a result of leaks.
- (2)(b)(ii) The percentage of the 10 municipalities in the country with the highest water losses due to leaks is currently not available. However, a study by the Water Research Commission entitled "An Assessment" of Non-Revenue Water in South Africa, report number TT 300/07 on this matter provided an estimated national water loss of approximately 31%.
- (2)(c) During the launch of the War on Leaks programme, R2 million was made available for Mogale City municipality only.
- (3)(a) Mogale City municipality and my Department will manage the project.
- (3)(b) The municipality and my Department will ensure that the funding will be utilized for the intended purposes.
- (3)(c) The municipality will monitor and report on the expected decrease in water lost to leaks.

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