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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1814 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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QUESTION NO 1814

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1814. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether Rand Water is drawing from the Klip River as a source for potable water for its clients; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the quality of the water in the Klip River meets the standards as set by her department; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, how was this conclusion reached;
- (3) whether she has taken any steps to improve the state of the Klip River; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any (a) notices of intention to issue directives or (b) directives have been issued against any entities for point source pollution into the Klip River; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, Rand Water is not drawing water from the Klip River as a source for potable water for its clients. Water is being supplied through a dedicated pipeline and canal directly from Vaal Dam to Rand Water's Purification Works.
- (2) Yes, according to my Department's monthly monitoring, the quality of water in the Klip River generally meets the in-stream water quality objectives as set by my Department. However, due to unforeseen pollution incidents which occur from time to time, some of the variables may not at times meet the required standard.
- (3) Yes, my Department has commissioned the Klip River Water Quality Management Study which is currently being undertaken to compile a management plan for the river. This plan will also cater for the management of pollution incidents. Furthermore, a forum which meets on a quarterly basis has been formed to specifically deal with water related issues in the area.
- (4)(a) No notices of intention to issue directives have been issued, however non-compliance letters have been sent to water users which were not complying with agreed prescripts.
- (4)(b) No directives have been issued against for point source pollution in the Klip River as all the water users have been cooperating with my Department.

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