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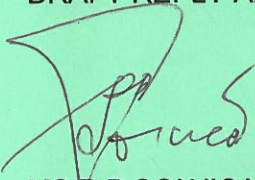
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2134 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 8/9/10

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 11. 09. 2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2134

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2134. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What is the maximum monetary amount for expenditure over which a certain person (details furnished) has signing authority;
- (2) whether, since the inception of the Hartbeespoort Dam remediation programme, the said person has exceeded his signing authority for expenditure; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether Rand Water appoints the contractors to the remediation programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what is Rand Water's responsibility regarding the remediation programme?

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REPLY:

- (1) According to Treasury Regulation 8.2.1 of the Authority for Financial Matters, Deputy Directors or equal ranks are delegated to spend or commit public money up to the value of R5 000 000 while the Directors' are delegated "more than R5 000 000". Mr Petrus Venter is employed by my Department as a Deputy Director and in some instances has acted for long periods as a Director.
- (2) No, Mr Petrus Venter has not exceeded his signing authority for expenditure as he is authorised the signing of expenditure within his delegated authority.
- (3) Yes, Rand Water appoints contractors to the remediation programme in accordance with their procurement policy. Such is in line with the terms and conditions of the agreement as an Implementing Agent for the Harties Metsi a Me Integrated Biological Remediation Programme.
- (4) The responsibility of Rand Water regarding the remediation programme involves the day to day management of the programme primarily based on the implementation and management of all activities undertaken as part of the Harties Metsi a Me programme. This relates to finances, procurement and agreed deliverables in terms of the signed Implementing Agent Agreement.

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