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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 226 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

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QUESTION NO 226

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226. Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether approval will be granted for (a) licencing the erection of a dam wall in the Malgas River in George and (b) increasing the height of the Garden Route Dam wall in George: if not, why not: if so, (i) when will approval be given and (ii) what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) My Department has not received an application to erect a dam wall in the Malgas River near George. However, a licence application to abstract of water from the Malgas River was submitted by the George Municipality. In order to make a decision on the issuing of a license, the following aspects must still be considered:
- The water that is needed to sustain the environment as well as basic human needs in the river catchment (the reserve).
 - The needs of existing water users in the river catchment.
- (b) My Department has received a licence application to raise the Garden Route Dam from George Municipality. The reserve determination must still be completed and the same aspects as in (a) above must be considered.
- (b)(i) As soon as the reserve determinations for both applications are officially completed, it will be possible to determine the availability of water for other users. Provision will be made for the needs of existing users and the issuing of a licence can be considered if surplus water is available. The reserve determinations are due for conclusion by the end of May 2010 and thereafter a consideration of the licence approval will be made.
- (b)(ii) Falls away.

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