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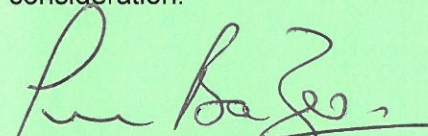
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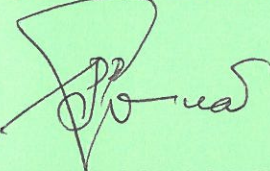
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2558 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 23/09/2010

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



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

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2558

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**2558. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) (a) Why has compulsory water use licensing in terms of section 43 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, in four catchments (details furnished) become necessary for each specified catchment and (b) what criteria will be applied in assessing the registration applications by the various categories of water users;
- (2) whether she determined a limit for the level of possible reduction of water use by water users who are registered currently; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the limit for each specified category of user and (b) what rationale underpins the decision with regard to each specified water use category?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)

Catchment	Why Compulsory Licensing is necessary
Umhlathuze	To achieve fair allocation of the water resources that are under stress and to achieve equity in allocations, in terms of Section 43 (1) (a) (i) and (ii) of the National Water Act, Act 36 Of 1998 (NWA)
Tosca	To promote beneficial use of water in the public interest and to foster efficient management of the water resource, this has been over exploited by users in terms of Section 43 (1) (b) and (c) of the NWA, Act 36 of 1998
Jan Dissel	To achieve fair allocation of water and facilitate efficient management of the water resource in terms of Section 43 (1) (a) (i) & (ii) and (c) of the NWA, Act 36 Of 1998
Nkomati	To achieve fair allocation of the available water resources which are under stress and to achieve equity in allocations in terms of Section 43 (1) (a) (i) and (ii) of the NWA, Act 36 Of 1998.

- (1)(b) The criteria to be applied in assessing licence applications is in terms of section 27 and section 45 of the NWA, 1998(Act 36 of 1998) specifically. The guiding principles of equity, efficiency and sustainability will also be considered.
- (2)(a) No, there is no limit set for the level of possible curtailment for users who are currently registered.
- (2)(b) My department must follow the process as prescribed in sections 43 to 47 of the NWA. The department will therefore engage the affected existing lawful water users in the development of Allocation Schedules in terms of Section 45 to 47 of the NWA. This will include involvement in the decisions taken with regards to possible reductions in existing lawful water use.

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