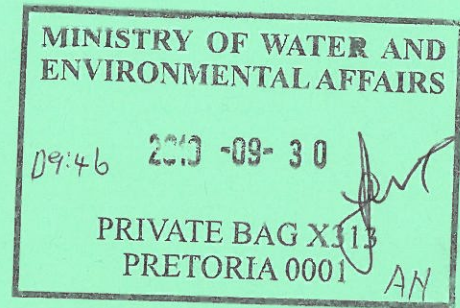




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2745 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)

DATE: 30/9/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


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

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2745. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Bethal Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) in the Govan Mbeki local municipality is experiencing any problems in its operations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any action in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, has been taken by her department against the municipality that runs this WWTW; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action, (b) when was the action taken and (c) what has been the response of the municipality?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes. Below are lists of problems experienced by the Bethal Wastewater Treatment Works:
 - Insufficient financial provision particularly in the municipality's budget;
 - Non functional pumpstations;
 - Cable theft;
 - Lack of human capacity; and
 - Overloaded treatment works.
- (2) Yes, my Department has taken actions by issuing a notice of non-compliance against the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality in terms of the National water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998).
 - (2)(a) The Govan Mbeki Local Municipality has been issued with a notice of non-compliance and a report is awaited regarding the corrective action to be taken.
 - (2)(b) The notice of non-compliance was issued on 13 September 2010.
 - (2)(c) A response from the municipality is due on 01 October 2010, which will then guide my Department on the further steps to be taken to resolve the matter.

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