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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 301 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr N J J van R Koornhof (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Ad)

DATE: 1/3/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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301. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department is planning to build a dam in the Olifants River; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when;
- (2) whether a study has been undertaken to determine the effect on the perennial status of the Olifants River in the Kruger National Park; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) My Department is currently constructing the De Hoop Dam on the Steelpoort River, a tributary of the Olifants River. Furthermore, we are conducting a feasibility study for the construction of a dam at Nwamitwa on the Groot Letaba River, another tributary of the Olifants River.
- (2) Yes, a reserve study was undertaken which included environmental requirements of the Olifants River in the Kruger National Park.

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