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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3054 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 4/11/2010.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE: 2010/11/14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 3054

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3054. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to oral question 184 on 15 September 2010, the team of experts has concluded its study as mandated by the Interministerial Committee on Acid Mine Drainage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the panel's report will be made public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what are the (a) names and (b) designations of all the persons on the panel;
- (4) with reference to the interministerial committee, (a) what are the (i) names and (ii) designations of all the persons who serve on the committee and (b)(i) how many times has the committee met as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) on what dates?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the team of experts has concluded the study on Acid Mine Drainage and made a presentation to the Inter Ministerial Committee on 21 October 2010. The team was given six weeks to do in depth investigations into the matter and had to report back comprehensively and with recommendations. Discussions between the Ministers and the team led to the team being asked to look at more options to resolve the matter as well as the cost implications of each.
- (2) Yes, the report will be made available once the required information has been provided to the satisfaction of the Inter-Ministerial Committee which will in turn report back to Cabinet first, given that Cabinet has sanctioned this investigation.
- (3)(a)(b) The team of experts consists of the following members

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>
Dr T Ramontja	Chief Executive Officer (Chair of CGS)	Council for Geoscience (CGS)
Mr F Ramagwede	Executive Manager: Applied Geosciences	CGS

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>
Dr B Yibas	Geochemist	CGS
Dr H Coetzee	Scientist: Environmental Geoscience	CGS
Dr H Mengistu	Hydrogeologist	CGS
Ms D van Tonder	Geologist	CGS
Ms T Phajane	Unit Manager: Environmental Geoscience	CGS
Mr F Netili	Hydrogeologist	CGS
Ms U Rust	Sustainability Scientist	CGS
Prof A Thomas	Unit Manager: Central Regions	CGS
Dr P Wade	Geochemist	CGS
Dr L Lin	Geohydrologist	CGS
Mr PJ Hobbs	Geodrologist	CSIR
Dr JE Burgess	Research Manager	Water Research Commission
Mr M du Plessis	Engineer	Water Research Commission
Mr M Keet	Acting Director: Water Quality Management	Dept. of Water Affairs (DWA)
Mr J van Wyk	Scientific Manager	DWA
Mr M Morokane	Control Environmental Officer	DWA
Mr E van Wyk	Scientific Manager	DWA
Mr B Govender	Assistant Director	DWA
Mr S Rademeyer	Chief Engineer	DWA
Ms P Ugwu	Environmentalist	Dept. of Mineral Resources (DMR)
Prof TS MacCarthy	Geologist	Wits University
Prof. J Maree	Water Utilisation	Tshwane Univ. of Technology
Prof. G Steyl	Hydrogeologist	Univ. of Free State
Prof. G van Tonder	Hydrogeologist	Univ. of Free State
Mr T Nell	Acting DDG	DMR

(4)(a)(i)(ii) The following Ministers are / were part of the Interministerial Committee:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
Ms B Sonjica	Former Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs
Ms S Shabangu	Minister of Mineral Resources
Mr N Pandor	Minister of Science and Tech.
Mr T Manuel	Minister in The Presidency

(4)(b)(i)(ii) The Committee has met twice on 1 September 2010 and on 21 October 2010.