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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 513 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)

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

- (1) Whether her department was informed of water losses from infrastructure at schools; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so what are the details with regard to the losses;
- whether action is being taken to address the water losses from infrastructure at schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, we are engaging municipalities on water losses within which these schools are located.
- Municipalities are supported through several infrastructure programmes such as Siyenza Manje; education and awareness campaigns like Baswa le Metse and the South African Youth Water Prize. My Department has also provided financial support to the City of Cape Town, City of Johannesburg, Nelson Mandela Metro and eThekwini Metros to implement water conservation and demand management.

Learners are educated in schools to be water efficient, which include the reporting of any leaks that are detected at the schools as well as in communities. This results in water loss reduction in schools and in communities,