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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 926 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs C N Z Zikalala (IFP); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 31/3/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 2010.04.01

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926. Mrs C N Z Zikalala (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether she has considered any findings that the Regional Bulk Water Supply Programme has been successful; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;
- (2) whether this programme has benefited the uMkanyakude district; if not, why not; if so, which communities benefited;
- (3) whether the bulk water supply from the Pongolapoort or Jozini Dam to the Hlabisa area has been completed; if not, why not; if so, how many households benefited?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, My Department has provided me with a progress report on the success of the Regional Bulk Water Supply Programme at a recent briefing session. I am satisfied that the programme is successful and is meeting the objectives and am also satisfied with the actions being taken by My Department to deal with the challenges and risks identified during the course of implementation. This is a multi-year programme and since inception in the 2007/08 financial year, the programme includes 113 (hundred and thirteen) individual projects which are in various stages of implementation:
 - 23 (twenty three) Feasibility Stage;
 - 28 (twenty eight) Implementation Readiness stage;
 - 52 (fifty two) in the design, tender or construction phase; and
 - 10 (ten) projects completed.
- (2) Yes, the programme is benefitting the Mkanyakude District Municipality. A R126.7 million project is under construction to take water from the Mandlakazi Regional Bulk Scheme to Hlabisa in order to provide the communities with a sustainable and cost effective bulk water supply which will, once completed, benefit a population of 56 453 people (8 065 households). An amount of R55.5 million has been provided in the 2010 MTEF to commence with the bulk water supply for the Dukuduku resettlement project which is at present in the planning phase.
- (3) Two tenders have thus far been awarded for the R163 million Mandlakazi Bulk Water supply Project which includes the augmentation of Water Treatment Works, upgrading of 3 (three) pump stations, construction of 3 (three) service and 6 (six) supply zone reservoirs. Water for this project is supplied from the Pongolapoort Dam which will eventually benefit a population 21 945 people (3195 households). The Hlabisa Bulk water supply scheme is dependant on the timely completion of the Mandlakazi project. An amount of R62.5 million has also been set aside in the 2010 MTEF for the Pongolapoort Bulk Supply project which will provide water to the villages in the vicinity of the dam. Implementation of this project will commence in the 2010/11 financial year.

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