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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 185 FOR ORAL 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: 9/9/10

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

(1)(a) How many water use license applications are currently being processed and (b) what is the breakdown for each sector of water users;

(2) Whether licenses are being processed in accordance with all the requirements necessary for the issuing of water use licenses; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? NW3100E

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REPLY:

(1)(a) The number of water use license applications that is currently being processed is about 1 592.

(1)(b) The breakdown of water use licenses per sector is as follows:

Sector	Number of Licenses processed
Agriculture	468
Power generation (Eskom)	3
Local Municipality (Includes other Gov. agencies)	117
Stream Flow Reduction Activities	274
Mining	330
Others (include other industries, property developers, etc)	400
Totals	**1 592**

(2) Yes, my Department considers all technical, administrative and legislative requirements necessary for the issuing of the water use licenses. The following are some of the considerations taken into account when processing water use license applications:

- The factors prescribed in Section 27(1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- All other relevant sections of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- Inputs from other Government Departments and Organizations.

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