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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★12 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L M Ntshayisa (AIC) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 02/03/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 02.03.17.

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★12. Mr L M Ntshayisa (AIC) to ask the Deputy President:

Whether, in view of South Africa's bilateral partnership with Lesotho on water supply, the Government intends to intervene with regard to the delay of the construction of the Polihali Dam, which is set to affect the supply of water to Gauteng and adjunct areas such as the Ash River in the Free State; if so, in what manner?

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REPLY:

There is no need for Government intervention on the Lesotho Highlands Water Project Phase II. The delays in implementation have been addressed and the Project will be delivered in line with the revised projections, with the delivery of water scheduled for the year 2025. Both governments have committed to the implementation of the Project and are in constant communication through the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission, which is the governing structure entrusted with the role of strategic oversight on implementation.

In the meantime delivery of water to RSA through Phase 1 continues to be on schedule, thus South Africans are assured that there will be no shortages in this regard.

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