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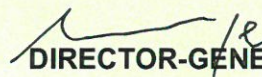
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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★177 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 27/10/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



**MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 28.10.17

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR ORAL REPLY

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★177. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What caused the over expenditure of R913 million on the original budget of R140 million that was allocated towards the regional bulk infrastructure grant for the Giyani emergency project and (b) did the specified project bear any fruit? NO3639E

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REPLY:

(a) The original budget as at the beginning of the financial year was R140m and the total expenditure in the 2016/17 financial year was R913m due to the following reasons:

The project had to be accelerated due to the fact that during the initial stages, the construction collapsed the entire system rendering Giyani waterless.

Furthermore, it must be noted that whilst addressing the critical emergency with a view to repair the existing infrastructure an assessment showed that the entire infrastructure consisted of:

- Decayed pipelines which are not repairable
- Asbestos pipes which are no longer permissible
- Aged infrastructure (over 40 years old)
- Boreholes were either dry or pumping water not suitable for human consumption

In addition, communities were without water for over a period of 20 years. They were fetching water from the river which was polluted by the raw sewer discharging into the river and women were being raped whilst fetching water, which necessitated the project to be accelerated.

(b) Whilst the project is still ongoing, the positive impact is visible in terms of water and wastewater provision and the following are major successes to date:

- Provision of secure and purified water to Nkhensani Hospital.
- The completion and commissioning of the 1.5Ml/day extension to the Giyani Waste Water Treatment Works which was abandoned by the Mopani District Municipality in the year 2010.
- The design, construction, installation and commissioning of the new 1.5Ml/day package plant at the Giyani Waste Water Treatment Works, bringing the Works to a total treatment capacity of 3Ml/day.
- The repair/refurbishment of sewage transfer pump stations.
- The completion of the design of the Nandoni-Nsami Pipeline.

- Renewal and refurbishment of boreholes in the Giyani Water Scheme has substantially been completed and now in Operation and Maintenance mode. The implementation of an Operation & Maintenance plan within the Giyani Water Scheme which has resulted in improved water services to the community.
- Village water through the boreholes or existing bulk pipelines.
- The completion of the design of the renewal of the entire bulk distribution pipelines within the Giyani Water Scheme. Construction currently in progress.

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