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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★208 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) 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

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★208. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether she has put any mechanisms in place to address the serial (a) underperformance of her department to meet its predetermined targets and (b) overspending of her department's annual budget; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department is working towards streamlining financial and performance processes to reduce internal inefficiencies and bottlenecks. One such mechanism is to adjust the performance targets to align with virements or budget reprioritisation that occur during the course of the financial year.
- (2) The expenditure is monitored on a monthly basis, budget controls have been put in place to mitigate the risk of overspending the budget per programme and economic classifications. These include regular compilations of Budget and Expenditure variance/exceptions reports to detect over and under expenditure, institutionalizing a requirement for confirmation of funds by duly authorized officials prior committing the Department to any expenditure and conduction of expenditure reviews sessions by the Accounting Officer and Programme Managers to address expenditure performance.

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