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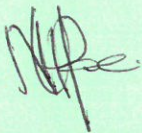
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 244 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms N P Sonti (EFF) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 01/03/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



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

DATE: 02-03-17

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 244

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244. Ms N PSonti (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (a) Why has the community of (i) Sisonke region, (ii) Umkhanyakude sub-region and (iii) the Harry Gwala District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal been without water for over two years and (b) what is her department doing to ensure that the communities have access to good quality clean water?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) The communities within the Harry Gwala District Municipality (HGDM) and uMkhanyakudeDM (UKDM) have been without water for over two years due to two factors, i.e. severe drought impact which has plagued most parts of the KwaZulu-Natal including some of Harry Gwala and uMkhanyakude areas and secondly it has been due to infrastructure limitations in some areas.
- (b) My Department has over the past two years made available funding. Refer to the table below for allocations for UMkhanyakude DM (UKDM):

Grant	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018-19
RBIG	R313 Million	R110Million	R119 Million	None
MWIG	R54 Million	None	None	None
WSIG	None	R70 Million	R50 Million	R65 million

My Department has over the past two years made available funding. Refer to the table below for allocations for Harry Gwala DM (HGDM):

Grant	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018-19
RBIG	R14 Million	R48 Million	R90 Million	R100 Million
MWIG	R43.5 Million	None	None	None
WSIG	None	R86 Million	R98 Million	R108 million

These funding are provided to uMkhanyakude and Harry Gwala District Municipalities in order to try to resolve the water challenges faced by the district and my department will continue to support the districts to ensure that the communities have access to good quality clean water.

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