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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3111 FOR WRITTEN 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: 25/10/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 25.10.17.

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3111. Mr. L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What is the (i) current status of (aa) Phase 1 and (bb) Phase 2A of the Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project and (ii) total amount that (aa) has been spent to date and (bb) will be spent on completion of each project, (b) by what date will each phase be completed and (c) how many litres of water will be transferred from the Crocodile River through each project?

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REPLY:

(a)(i)(aa) The current status of Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project (MCWAP) Phase 1:

- Phase 1 was commissioned in June 2015. The project is at Defects Notification Stage, which will be completed in October 2017. The project (excluding refurbishment) will be closed in June 2018, after the environmental rehabilitation of the servitude and land owner sign off on the various farm portions.
- The refurbishment of the old pipeline from Mokolo Dam is primarily aimed as back-up supply to Lephalale Municipality during maintenance outages on the main pipeline, in lieu of 18 day storage capacity. The pipeline will also offer some redundancy to other water users. The refurbishment is forecasted to be completed in December 2022, if a go-ahead is given in the current financial year.

(a)(i)(bb) The current status of Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project (MCWAP) Phase 2A:

- Phase 2A is at the planning stage, after the confirmation of the transfer capacity of 75 million m³ per annum.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and other Planning work is expected to be concluded by December 2018.
- TCTA will raise commercial funding and implement MCWAP-2A with co-funding from the fiscus. I have granted TCTA a borrowing limit, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, to raise commercial funding for the project. Approval to issue government guarantees in relation to some of the funding to be raised by TCTA has been granted.
- The requirements for fiscal funding contributions are being addressed to cover this year's commitments in order for pre-construction activities to start by January 2018 in accordance with the current programme to achieve water delivery by October 2023 and to achieve Eskom's required water delivery date for Medupi FGD retrofitting (to reduce Sulphur emissions) in terms of Eskom's World Bank loan commitments.

- (a)(ii)(aa) The total amount spent for Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project (MCWAP) Phase 1 is as follows:
- MCWAP 1:- Expenditure to date is R 1 602 466 000.
 - MCWAP 2:-No expenses to date
- (a)(i)(bb) The total amount spent for Mokolo and Crocodile River (West) Water Augmentation Project (MCWAP) Phase 2A is as follows:
- MCWAP 1:- Forecasted cost to complete (including refurbishment) is R 2 138 635 114 (on the base date of 2015)
 - MCWAP 2:- Forecast project costs is R 13 308 127 000
- (b) The phases will be completed as follows:
- MCWAP 1:- Project excluding refurbishment will be closed in June 2018.
 - MCWAP 1:- Project including refurbishment will be closed in Dec 2022.
 - MCWAP 2:- Water delivery is forecasted for October 2023, and project closed in October 2025, after rehabilitation of the servitude and land owner sign off.
- (c) The total amount of Litres transferred is as follows:
- MCWAP 1:- Zero liters from Crocodile River, and 30 million m³ per annum (30 billion litres per annum) from the Mokolo Dam.
 - MCWAP 2 will transfer 75 million m³ per annum (75 billion litres per annum) from the Crocodile River.

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