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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★95 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 05/05/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 07.05.17

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★95

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★95. Mr F Essack (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (a) What quantifiable damage was caused by the recent drought and (b) how much was spent by her department to alleviate the situation? CO138E

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REPLY:

- (a) My Department is not aware of any damage to water management infrastructure attributable directly to the drought neither has my Department done any survey or research on the socio-economic impact relating to losses experienced as a result of restrictions. Where we have experienced damage to infrastructure this has mainly been as a result of vandalism.

With reference to the impact on agriculture, I am aware that the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) constituted a committee in terms of Section 7 of the Marketing and Agricultural Products Act (Act 47 of 1996) to advise the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries on the impact of the drought and implementation of drought response measures. The findings of the Section 7 Committee would therefore be best solicited from the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries.

- (b) Based on (a) above, my Department is not in a position to comment on costs relating to damage caused by the drought. My Department did however, reprioritise funding for urgent drought related interventions to ensure the continuity of water supply.

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