



water & sanitation

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QUESTION NO 1122

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1122. Mr P Mey (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether his department has been informed that the residents of the Heidelberg and Ratanda areas in the Lesedi Local Municipality in Gauteng, have been without an adequate water supply for several weeks due to Rand Water's inability to provide water to the specified communities; if not, why not; if so, what measures are being taken by his department to intervene in the specified matter, including the possibility of exempting the relevant water pump stations from electricity load shedding;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) The Department has been informed of the water supply issues in the Heidelberg and Ratanda areas. The pumpstation's electricity is supplied by City of Ekurhuleni (CoE). Rand Water and CoE are in discussion regarding efficient and sustainable electricity supply for the pumpstation.


The possible options being explored are:

- Whether CoE can be exempted from load shedding in this line
- Whether Rand Water should apply to ESKOM for the pumpstation for direct supply and be exempted from load shedding like any other critical facility.


- (2) A statement in this regard will be made once an agreement has been concluded.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 25/04/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 28/04/23