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119. Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, with regard to the water supply affected by power cuts, his department intends to (a) design, (b) implement and (c) ensure maintenance and operation of (i) water reticulation, (ii) wastewater and (iii) sewer treatment outside the confines of a crumbling electricity grid that is reflective of a developmental state; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department is currently in the process of developing Five-Year Water and Sanitation reliability plans. The purpose of these plans is to do a primary situational assessment of the Water and Sanitation services and infrastructure conditions.

The first initiative in the implementation programme of the Five-Year Reliability Plans is to conduct a situational analysis exercise on water and sanitation service delivery infrastructure as well as levels of service provision to households within the jurisdiction of each Water Services Authority (WSA).

The solution options identified will be integrated to develop a pipeline of projects specifically addressing and integrating all funding programmes to address the challenges with the state of the current infrastructure. Feasibility of alternative sources of power, especially for treatment works and pump stations, will be explored as part of the Five-Year Reliability Plans.


In the meantime, municipalities are being encouraged to mitigate against the impact of power cuts through the use of alternative energy sources to ensure ongoing service provision. Furthermore, municipalities are engaging Eskom or their own internal electricity departments to facilitate loadshedding exemption for critical infrastructure which affects critical services like water and sanitation.

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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