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1214. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What (a) total number of boreholes for the provision of water are in each town in the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality, (b) number of the boreholes are not working optimally, (c) are the plans have been put in place for the repairs to the boreholes that are not working, (d) are the time frames for the repairs to restore the boreholes to operation.
- (2) whether the telemetry system for each town is fully operational; if not, why not; if so, what are the water losses recorded and reported by the municipality?

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1. The details for boreholes in the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality are indicated in the table below:

Town	(a) Total number of boreholes	Operational	(b) Non-operational boreholes and reasons thereof	(c) Plans in place	(d) Timeframe for repairs
Graaff-Reinet	42	39	3 - electrical damage due to flooding	To be replaced by municipality when budget is available	2023-24 municipal financial year
Nieu-Bethesda	4	4	0	NA	NA
Aberdeen	13	13	0	NA	NA
Steytlerville	4	3	1 - borehole motor needs repairs	In process to be replaced when budget is available	4 months: Depending on budget availability
Willowmore	13	10	3	Testing of boreholes underway	Approximately 2 months for testing results
Jansenville	9	6	1 - borehole flooded resulting in electrical damage. 1 - borehole functionality has deteriorated	Awaiting disaster management funding Testing of borehole in new financial year	2023-34 municipal financial year
Kliplaat	3	1	1 - borehole not equipped 2 - Lightning protection for boreholes is problematic	Refurbishment of the boreholes	2023-34 municipal financial year
Muller	2	2	0	NA	NA
Vondeling	1	1	0	NA	NA
Wolwefontein	1	1	0	NA	NA
Baviaanskloof	2	2	0	NA	NA
Waterford			0	NA	NA
Rietbron	3	3	0	NA	NA

2. The telemetry system is only functional in Graaff-Reinet. The municipality has plans in place to install / upgrade telemetry in all the other towns. The department has been informed that the plans to install or upgrade telemetry systems are dependent on budget availability in the 2023/24 financial year. Non-revenue water is currently at 37% due to:

- non-payment by users for water
- incorrect metering
- no metering (unmetered connections),
- unforeseen pipe bursts, illegal connections
- real water losses.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 12 04 2023

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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