



## water & sanitation

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**QUESTION NO 1461**

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**1461. Ms P Marais (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Considering that the community of Pabalelo in the Northern Cape has had a pit latrine crisis for decades with no manifestation of promises from the Government on eradicating the bucket system in the specified community, (a) what are the reasons that the eradication of the bucket system had not been a reality in Pabalelo to date, (b) what steps will he take to ensure that promises to eradicate the bucket system will become a reality and (c) by what date will the bucket system in Pabalelo eventually be done away with?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- a) The Department of Water and Sanitation implemented 5 projects through the Bucket Eradication Programme (BEP) in the David Kruiper Local Municipality from 2013 to 2017 as indicated in the table below:

Area	No. of toilets eradicated
Pabalelo	596
Kalksloot	120
Rosedale	1771
Louisvale	600
Dakota Weg	306
<b>Total</b>	<b>3393</b>


- b) Several settlements in the Northern Cape where the bucket toilet system is in use are considered to be "new buckets" provided by the municipality as a temporary solution prior to formalisation. It should be noted that these were allocated after the implementation of the BEP intervention by DWS was finalised.
- c) In terms of the National Sanitation Framework, DWS will, in future focus on ensuring that municipalities meet the minimum norms for sanitation in informal settlements and stop providing bucket toilets. An implementation plan will be developed together with local government to attend to the remaining bucket toilets and the required bulk services.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
DATE: 12/05/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION  
DATE: 10/06/23