



## water & sanitation

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**QUESTION NO 424**

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★424. Ms N N Sihlwayi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the fact that for the past two financial years his department has recorded underspending on the grants and transfers allocated to the local sphere of government for the provision of water and sanitation infrastructure, what strategies and/or steps does he intend to implement to eradicate underspending by the local government in order to enable the provision of water and sanitation services to communities?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has put measures in place to prevent underspending on the grants and transfers allocated for the provision of water and sanitation infrastructure. Some of the strategies and/or steps includes the following:

- Collaboration with Implementing Agents to address challenges emanating from Supply Chain Management.
- Reprioritising the budget towards projects with acceleration plans and effective contract management.
- DWS is improving project audits and ensuring compliance for both direct and indirect grants funded projects to mitigate against poor performance.
- The DWS has established and is capacitating its Water Services Branch with engineers and project managers to improve monitoring of all projects across the country.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 04/09/23

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**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 8/9/23