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263. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With regard to grant funding paid to the Uthukela District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal from 1 July 2016 to 31 January 2023, what are the details of each payment made, including but not exclusively with reference to the (a) total amount of each payment, (b) date of each payment and (c) conditions attached to each payment;
- (2) whether the funds were used and/or expended strictly in terms of the conditions imposed and for the purposes prescribed; if not, what are the details of the purposes for which each payment was used; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any funds were paid to the specified municipality specifically for the payment of outstanding debt with Umngeni Water; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the details of what the funds were actually used for; if so,
- (4) whether the total amount was paid to Umngeni Water by the municipality; if not, what amount was actually paid to Umngeni Water; if so, what are the relevant details?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

(1) Details of grant funding paid to the Uthukela District Municipality in KwaZulu Natal from 1 July 2016 to 31 January 2023 are provided in table below:

Financial year	(a) total amount of each payment	(b) date of each payment
2016/2017	RBIG: R 64 000 000 WSIG: R 81 807 000 Total = <u>R145 807 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: 29/08/2016 (R40 000 000) 21/10/2016 (R24 000 000) WSIG dates: 15/07/2016 (R24 542 000) 14/10/2016 (R40 904 000) 20/01/2017 (R16 361 000)
2017/2018	RBIG: R 75 052 000 WSIG: R 82 500 000 Total: <u>R157 552 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: 21/07/2017 (R30 000 000) 25/01/2018 (R45 052 000) WSIG dates: 28/07/2017 (R41 250 000) 27/10/2017 (R24 750 000) 09/03/2018 (R16 500 000)
2018/2019	RBIG: R 45 000 000 WSIG: R108 493 000 Total: <u>R153 493 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: 29/01/2019 (R40 000 000) 25/03/2019 (R5 000 000) WSIG dates: 20/07/2018 (R20 000 000) 19/10/2018 (R25 000 000) 26/03/2019 (R63 493 000)
2019/2020	RBIG: R 10 000 000 WSIG: R108 000 000 Total: <u>R118 000 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: 07/11/2019 (R5 000 000) 27/03/2020 (R5 000 000) WSIG dates: 16/08/2019 (R30 000 000) 22/11/2019 (R40 000 000) 28/02/2020 (R38 000 000)
2020/2021	RBIG: R 39 399 000 WSIG: R 90 000 000 Total: <u>R129 399 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury:

		09/02/2021 (R24 000 000)
2021/22	RBIG: R 0 WSIG: <u>R80 000 000</u> Total: <u>R80 000 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: n/a WSIG dates: 29/07/2021 (R25 000 000) 20/10/2021 (R30 000 000) 07/03/2022 (R25 000 000)
2022/23	RBIG: R 0 WSIG: <u>R60 800 000</u> Total: <u>R60 800 000</u>	Paid in tranches as per payment schedule for schedule 5B allocations approved by National Treasury: RBIG dates: n/a WSIG dates: 02/09/2022 (R20 800 000) 27/10/2022 (R40 000 000)
Total	R845 051 000	

(c) Conditions attached to each payment:

- RBIG condition: Funds are to be used for implementation of the Driefontein Bulk Water Project
- WSIG condition: Funds are to be used to implement projects approved by the Department of Water and Sanitation

(2) Yes, funds were expended in terms of the conditions imposed and for the purposes prescribed in terms of the grant frameworks gazetted every year. The details of the conditions are mentioned in 1(c) above. With regards to the purpose, the details are as follows:

RBIG:

- To develop large regional bulk infrastructure serving numerous communities over a large area within a municipality.

WSIG:

- Facilitate the planning and implementation of various water and sanitation projects to accelerate backlog reduction and enhance the sustainability of services;
- Provide basic and intermittent water and sanitation supply that ensures provision of services to identified and prioritised communities, including spring protection and groundwater development;
- To implement water conservation and water demand management projects.

(3) No funds were paid to the municipality for the payment of outstanding debt with Umgeni Water. The RBIG funds were used for implementation of the Driefontein Bulk Water Project. The WSIG funds were used for implementation of projects approved by the Department of Water and Sanitation. The projects that were implemented with the WSIG funds are as follows:

- a) Ezakheni/ Ladysmith Water Conservation and Demand Management (Lombardskop)
- b) Mimosadale Water Project
- c) Indaka & Okhahlamba Boreholes
- d) Wembezi Water Conservation and Demand Management
- e) Imbabazane ward 7 sanitation

- f) Kwanobamba/Ezitendeni Water Supply Project (phase 1F)
- g) Wembezi Water Conservation and Demand Management
- h) Ezakheni/ Ladysmith Water Conservation and Demand Management
- i) Reticulation to Ennersdale , Epangweni and Bhekuzulu
- j) Estcourt Industrial Pipeline Upgrade
- k) Moyeni/Zwelisha Water Treatment Works Upgrade and Bulk Rising Main
- l) Spring Protection District Wide
- m) Ladysmith Network Pipeline Replacement
- n) Loskop (Mqedandaba) Water Reticulation Phase 1

(4) None of the RBIG and WSIG funds were paid to Umgeni Water by the municipality.

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DATE: *08/05/23* ✓

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

DATE: *16/05/23*