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2706. Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) is the total number of boreholes drilled by his department in each (i) local and (ii) district municipality in the (aa) 2020-21 and (bb) 2021-22 financial years, (b) amount did each borehole cost his department and (c) was the total volume of water supply added to each municipal jurisdiction?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

(a) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) does not drill and equip boreholes in local or district municipalities. However, funding is allocated to prioritised district municipalities through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), to accelerate backlog reduction and improve the sustainability of services particularly in rural municipalities.

(aa) In the 2020-2021 financial year, the DWS allocated R 471, 794,000 to various municipalities across the country, for the drilling and equipping of boreholes, mainly in the rural areas.

(bb) During the 2021-22 financial year the department further allocated R 537, 657, 000 towards projects for boreholes across various municipalities.

The funding provided by the DWS to municipalities for boreholes is meant to facilitate quick interventions where there are serious water shortages. It is also intended to ensure water availability in those areas where it is foreseen that construction of bulk infrastructure will take a long time.

However, it should be noted that there are instances where boreholes are drilled, tested, and found not to be viable due to the inability to yield enough water or where boreholes are operational for a limited period before drying up. These include instances where the water tables are low due to

inadequate rainfall which prevents groundwater recharge or where localised drought causes a decline in groundwater available for extraction. The DWS may have in some instances funded boreholes in municipalities, which may have not yielded sufficient water to be viable or may have provided water for a limited period before drying up.

(b-c) The DWS can provide the details of funding transferred to municipalities for the drilling of boreholes but is not able to indicate the total volume of water supply added to each municipal jurisdiction through boreholes, due to the factors indicated above.


Information on municipalities that were funded by the DWS for the drilling of boreholes in each province is indicated in the table appended as **Annexure A**.

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MR FRANS MOATSHE
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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 8/10/23

ANNEXURE A:

| No | Province | Municipalities funded for boreholes | | Funding provided | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|-------------|
| | | District Municipalities | Local Municipalities | 2020/2021 fy | 2021/2022 fy | |
| 1. | Eastern Cape | Amathole DM | Amahlathi, Great Kei, Mbhashe, Mquma, Ngqushwa and Raymond Mhlaba | R21,984,000 | R14,600 | |
| 2. | | | Alfred Nzo DM | Ntabankulu, Matatiele, Mbizana | R69,000,000 | R45,000,000 |
| 3. | | | Sarah Bartman District Municipality | Blue Crane Route | R5,499,000 | |
| 4. | Free State | Chris Hani DM | Emalaheni, Engcobo | R18,200,000 | R10,170,000 | |
| 5. | | | Joe Gqabi DM | Senqu, Elundini, and Walter Sisulu | - | R10,000,000 |
| 6. | Free State | Sarah Bartman District Municipality | Makana | - | R5,000,000 | |
| 7. | | | OR Tambo DM | Qumbu, Tsolo, Lusikisiki, Flagstaff, Libode, Ngqeleni, Port St Johns & Mqanduli | - | R7,140,000 |
| 8. | Free State | Sarah Bartman DM | Dr Beyers Naude | - | R11,999,000 | |
| 9. | | | Xhariep DM | Letsemeng | R13,800,000 | R13,800,000 |
| 10. | KwaZulu -Natal | Thabo Mofutsanyana DM | Phumelela | R1,892,000 | | |
| 11. | | | Thabo Mofutsanyana DM | Maluti a Phofung | | R14,127,000 |
| 12. | | | Lejweleputswa DM | Tokologo | | R15,921,000 |
| 13. | | | uMkhanyakude DM | uMhlabyalingana Jozini | R37,164,000 | R61,288,000 |
| 14. | KwaZulu -Natal | Amajuba DM | eMadlangeni & Dannhauser | - | R3,000,000 | |
| 15. | | | Zululand DM | Ulundi | R11,347,000 | |
| 16. | | | Umginyathi DM | Msinga | - | R38,799,000 |
| 17. | Limpopo | King Cetshwayo DM | Mzimkhulu, Ubuhebezwe, Dr Nkosazane Dlamini Zuma | - | R65,274,000 | |
| 18. | | | Nkandla, uMfolozi | | R18,652,000 | |
| 19. | | | Blouberg | R27,784,000 | R13,606,000 | |
| 20. | | | Lepelle Nkumpi | R14,078,000 | - | |
| 21. | Limpopo | Molemole | | R27,983,000 | R3,800,000 | |
| 22. | | | Polokwane | R38,000,000 | R20,976,000 | |

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| 23. | | Mopani LM | Greater Giyani | R15,600,000 | R13,984,000 |
| 24. | | | Greater Letaba | R15,000,000 | R18,455,000 |
| 25. | | | Greater Tzaneen | R10,000,000 | - |
| 26. | | | Ba-Phalaborwa | R10,000,000 | - |
| 27. | | | Maruleng | R10,000,000 | - |
| 28. | | Waterberg DM | Lephalale | - | R30,114,000 |
| 29. | | | Mogalakwena | - | R8,928,000 |
| 30. | Mpumalanga | Nkangala DM | Emakhazeni | R2,500,000 | - |
| 31. | | Gert Sibande DM | Mkhondo | - | R23,685,000 |
| 32. | Northern Cape | John Taolo Gaetsewe DM | Ga-Segonyana | R16,640,000 | R952,000 |
| 33. | | | Gamagara | R11,072,000 | R5,700,000 |
| 34. | | | Joe Morolong | R50,998,000 | - |
| 35. | | Namakwa DM | Hantam | R4,200,000 | R4,000,000 |
| 36. | | | Kamiesberg | - | R4,000,000 |
| 37. | | | Richtersveld | R5,167,000 | R11,151,000 |
| 38. | | | Karoo Hoogland | - | R4,000,000 |
| 39. | | Pixley Ka Seme DM | Emthanjeni | - | R5,300,000 |
| 40. | | | Ubuntu | - | R4,000,000 |
| 41. | | ZF Mgcawu DM | Dawid Kruiper | - | R5,186,000 |
| 42. | | | Tsantsabane | - | R4,000,000 |
| 43. | North West | Bojanala Platinum DM | Kgetlengrivier | R22,542,000 | - |
| 44. | | Dr Ruth S Mompoti DM | Greater Taung | R1,344,000 | - |
| 45. | | Ngaka Modiri Molema DM | Ramotshere Moiloa | | R11,050,000 |
| 46. | Western Cape | Garden Route District Municipality | Kannaland | R10,000,000 | R10,000,000 |
| | | TOTAL | | R 471, 794,000 | R 497, 657, 000 |