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QUESTION NO 2986

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2986. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With reference to the draft regulations relating to the Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications that were published on 19 May 2023, what are the details of the (a) total number of farmers or farming and/or agricultural entities that hold water use licences in accordance with each category of sections 21(a) and (b) and section 21(d) in terms of Table 1 in Chapter 5 of the draft regulations, (b) number of the specified licence holders who hold water use licences and do not meet the equity criteria in each category, in cases where an application had to be made in terms of the specified draft regulations;
- (2) what number of applications for water use licences from farmers and/or farming and/or agriculture sector entities has her department (a) received and (b) approved to black persons in each category of sections 21(a) and (b) and section 21(d) in the (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023 years of assessment?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

(1) (a) There is no application that was submitted in terms of the Draft Regulations Published on 19 May 2023. The Regulations published on 19 May 2023 are not yet implemented because they were issued only for public comments.

(b) Refer to the response above.

(2) The total number of Licences received and issued to HDIs from 2019 – 2023 August is 457.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
84	60	141	117	55

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 22 09 2023**

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**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 28/9/23**