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**QUESTION NO 2987**

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**2987. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to the draft regulations relating to the Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications that were published on 19 May 2023, and with regard to water use licences issued in terms of section 21(a) and (b) and section 21(d) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, to farmers or farming and/or agriculture entities, what (a) is the total number of applications that were received in each category in the past three financial years and (b) number of the specified applications were approved in each specified year (i) within 30 days, (ii) within 60 days, (iii) within 90 days and (iv) after 90 days of receipt thereof?

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- a) The total number of applications that were received in terms of section 21(a) and (b) and section 21(d) from farmers or farming and/or agriculture entities in the past three financial years are indicated in the table below:

Year	Number of received applications
2020	395
2021	355
2022	393
Total	1143

- b) The number of the specified applications that were issued with licences in each specified year (i) within 30 days, (ii) within 60 days, (iii) within 90 days and (iv) after 90 days of receipt thereof:

Year of application Submission	Licences issued				Total
	30 days	60 days	90 days	over 90 days	
2020	0	0	1	165	166
2021	3	15	26	113	157
2022	8	15	11	168	202
Total	11	30	38	446	525

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
DATE: 22 09 2023**

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION  
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