



## water & sanitation

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#### QUESTION NO 54

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**54. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) With reference to the R150 million that was committed to the Matjhabeng Local Municipality as part of the R425 million for the repairs and refurbishment of the wastewater treatment works, pump stations and manholes, (a) how much of the money was actually spent, (b) who was contracted to perform the work and (c) who is the implementing agent of each aspect of the work;
- (2) (a) what progress has been made with the (i) wastewater works, (ii) pump stations and (iii) manholes that have been upgraded and/or maintained, (b) why all the money has not been spent, (c) what implementing and/or oversight role is the municipality playing in the process and (d) how often the municipality (i) meet with and (ii) report to his department on the progress that is made and/or vice versa;
- (3) whether the (a) minutes and (b) reports of such interactions will be made available; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (4) (a) how much of the R425 million will be availed for the next financial year and (b) what is the next phase entails?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

1. (a) Out of the R150 million allocated in 2022/23, expenditure to date amounts to R55 229 929.00 including VAT.

(b) Three Contractors were appointed for emergency work of the unblocking and repair of dilapidated blocked sewer network namely; Bateline Investment, Just Right Trading and Isiphethu Construction. A Professional Service Provider (PSP), BVI Consulting was also appointed for supervision, contract monitoring and administration.

(c) Bloem Water was appointed as the Implementing Agent. The scope of the project includes refurbishment of the wastewater treatment works, pump stations and repairs of the dilapidated blocked sewer network.

2. (a) Progress made is indicated below:

SCOPE	PROGRESS
(i) Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of the 11 WWTW, nine will be refurbished / upgraded. To accelerate the implementation, there are 12 PSPs appointed for the planning, condition assessment, scoping report, feasibility reports and specifications.</li> <li>Theronia WWTWs was practically completed. Contractor is currently busy with snag list. On other WWTWs, consultants have submitted conditional assessments and inception reports.</li> </ul>
Pumpstations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date, 52 pump stations have been assessed</li> <li>One pump station has been refurbished,</li> <li>Five pump stations are currently under refurbishment and are due to be completed by 28/02/2023.</li> </ul>
(iii) Sewer Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unblocking of the 4640 manholes,</li> <li>Repaired 27 collapsed sewer pipelines,</li> <li>Replaced 343 meters of sewer pipelines of the 137km of the affected pipe network. 20331 household cleared of the sewer spillages.</li> </ul>

(b) The planning and procurement processes resulted in a slower than expected progress of the project which has resulted in under-expenditure. However, the appointment of the panel for PSPs was concluded and 11 PSPs commenced work in November 2022. Furthermore, another process to appoint another panel of contractors was completed on 20 January 2023. The department plans to use the panel of contractors that were appointed by 20 January 2023 to fast track implementation of the projects.

Request for Quotations (RFQ) will be issued once the department has approved the project plans. The contractors will be appointed through a short procurement process of 14 days to commence with work. Bloem Water will also issue an additional RFQ to appoint the additional contractors as planned, commencing from 28 February 2023.

(c) (i) The Matjhabeng Local Municipality is monitoring the daily work of the three (3) contractors by directing the contractors to the hotspot areas that require urgent intervention.

(ii) The municipality convenes command centre meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, where progress of the intervention is reported. Furthermore, progress is monitored through monthly meetings of the Water Services Steering Committee (WSC), chaired by the department.

3. (a-b) The progress reports and minutes of the WSC are available.

4. An amount of R150 million will be made available in the next financial year (2023/24) for implementation of the intervention.

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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