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3476. Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, in light of the water shortage in the Bojanala District, the proliferation of illegal chrome mining and the beneficiation of chrome by plants without water use licenses, he will declare chrome beneficiation via the use of spiral plants as a controlled activity that relies on the provision in Section 38(1) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not, if so, by what date will the process begin?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

According to the National Water Act (Act No.36 of 1998), [Section 37 (I)], spiral plants are not considered to be a controlled activity. However, Section 38 (1) allows the Minister to declare any activity as controlled if it is deemed to have detrimental impact on water resources.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/~~NOT RECOMMENDED~~/~~AMENDED~~

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/~~NOT APPROVED~~/~~AMENDED~~

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**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 02/11/23**