



## **water & sanitation**

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Water and Sanitation  
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#### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO 142**

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**142. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) How his department is planning to assist local government with funding for the increased cost of backup power (diesel generators) that is needed to keep on providing water and sanitation services at high and regular black out levels;
- (2) whether the funding support to purchase generators will be included in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether his department has investigated whether the industry is equipped enough to provide the same generators to all municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### **MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- (1) The Department of Water and Sanitation is providing financial support to municipalities through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) for the acquisition and installation of generators for backup power to ensure that water and wastewater treatment works remain operational during loadshedding.
- (2) The grants to be provided will enable municipalities to purchase generators. Municipalities will be able to access the grant through applying and submitting business plans which will be assessed and approved by the DWS before funds can be transferred.


- (3) No, the DWS has not conducted investigations regarding whether the industry is equipped enough to provide the same generators to all municipalities. The type of generators purchased will be determined by municipalities, based on the type, size of plants operated and the power requirement thereof.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
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DATE: 25/04/23 ✓

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
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