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QUESTION NO 15

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

- (1) How much is currently (a) budgeted and (b) required by Bloemwater in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality for maintenance of infrastructure that falls under Bloemwater's jurisdiction for providing water to such a municipality;
- (2) what is the current budget shortfall for maintenance by Bloemwater with regard to the said municipality.
- (3) whether, in light of the ongoing water crisis in such municipality and the recent takeover of Sedibeng Water by Bloemwater, he will make the necessary funds available to do the needed maintenance in order to provide reliable services to the community of Matjhabeng; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the timeframes, (b) what amount of funds will be made available and (c) what are the further relevant details?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

1. (a) Bloem Water's has allocated R25.2 for maintenance of infrastructure within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality for the current financial year.

(b) The required budget for the total overall maintenance and refurbishment to address the total maintenance backlogs within the municipality is R402 million.
2. The budget shortfall to address the maintenance backlogs for the municipality is R377 million.
3. No, the Department does not provide funding to municipalities for operations and maintenance. However, a municipality can be assisted to improve its revenue collection and reduce its non-revenue water. DWS can also assist the municipality to implement Water Conservation and Water Demand Management programmes through the Water Service Infrastructure Grant. The municipality can, however, utilise the Municipal Infrastructure Grant for operations and maintenance.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 20/04/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 24/02/22