



## water & sanitation

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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 168**

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

Whether, in case funding support is provided for the purchase of generators regarding the negative impact of load shedding in providing water and sanitation, his department will assist municipalities with the operational costs of running such generators, continued diesel costs, manpower and maintenance costs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is providing financial support to municipalities through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) for the acquisition and installation of generators to ensure that water and wastewater treatment works remain operational during loadshedding. Municipalities will be able to access the grant through applying and submitting business plans which undergo assessment before approval by the DWS. The operating costs for generators and diesel will be borne by the municipalities.

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**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
DATE: 26 04 2023

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**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
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