



## water & sanitation

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#### FOR ORAL REPLY

#### QUESTION NO 220

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**★ 220. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether any progress has been made since the invoking of and placing the Emfuleni Local Municipality under section 63 intervention of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress and (b) what are the further relevant details?

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#### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

Progress has been made in terms of the Section 63 intervention implementation in Emfuleni Local Municipality (LM). Rand Water is also performing operations and maintenance of all water and sewer infrastructure in the Emfuleni LM under the Section 63 intervention. Several fleet and materials were purchased to alleviate the crisis in the Emfuleni LM. One of the objectives for the Section 63 is to capacitate the Metsi offices with tools of trade and staff appointments.

- The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), with Rand Water as the Implementing Agent, has implemented the following critical projects to alleviate the sewer spillages and water losses in the Emfuleni LM:
  - The refurbishment of pumpstations 2, 8, 9 and 10 is at practical completion and is currently operational.
  - DWS has completed the replacement of 28 collapsed pipelines and sewer spillages have stopped in areas where this work was implemented.

- DWS is currently implementing the pipe replacement for an additional 24 collapsed pipelines to stop the sewer spillages in ELM.
- Rand Water has appointed contractors for combined tender which will see Pump Station 34 refurbished and upgraded, installation of new rising main from Pump Station 2 to Leeukuil Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW), Refurbishment of inlet works at Leeukuil and Rietspruit WWTW.
- Procurement processes are underway for the upgrade of Leeukuil, Sebokeng and Rietspruit WWTW for 15 M/L, 50ML and 50 ML respectively. The upgrades are anticipated to start in April 2024.

To ensure progress with the different aspects of the intervention, the Minister delegated Deputy Minister Mahlobo as the chairperson of the Political Steering Committee that meets on a quarterly basis to assess progress and address any issues that can delay the project progress.

All technical stakeholders involved in the Section 63 Intervention are meeting biweekly to report on progress.

In addition, the Rand Water submits monthly progress reports to the Department.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 06/10/23 ✓

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

DATE: 17/10/23