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★ 221. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What is the long-term strategy of his department to resolve water challenges at the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality in the Capricorn District area of Limpopo?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality (LM) is one of four local municipalities within Capricorn District Municipality (DM), which is the Water Services Authority (WSA). Lepelle Nkumpi LM receives its daily water supply from the Olifantspoort Water Treatment Works (WTW) with a design capacity of 60ML/d which is operated by the Lepelle Northern Water (LNW).

The Capricorn DM has a bulk water services contract with LNW to supply parts of Lepelle Nkumpi LM with 24 ML/d which provides water to Mphahlele, Lebowagomo township and parts of Zebediela.

The bulk water supply is supplemented by 219 boreholes of which 175 are operational and 38 are not operational due to theft of transformers, vandalism and general operation and maintenance challenges. It should be noted that the demand for supply within the Lepelle Nkumpi LM has increased due to population growth. This has put additional pressure on available water resources in the municipality.

To provide support and assist the Lepelle Nkumpi LM to ensure availability of water in the short term through the development of local groundwater sources, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is providing financial support as follows:

- R72 million under the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) for the 2023/24 financial year
- DWS plans to further allocate R76 million and R80 million in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years respectively.


To ensure availability of water to meet the projected water demands by 2036, the DWS has initiated Olifantspoort/Ebenezer water supply scheme project with LNW as the implementing agent. The Department has already granted Lepelle Northern Water Board a water use licence of 90 Ml/d to cater for the upgrade of the Olifantspoort WTW.

The project commenced in October 2019 and the anticipated date of completion is July 2026. The projected cost for this phase of the project is R4.3 billion. Expenditure is currently at 4.16%.


The DWS has further plans to ultimately upgrade the Olifantspoort WTW to 120 Ml/d to resolve the growing demand within the Greater Sekhukhune and Capricorn District Municipalities.

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DATE: 06/10/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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