



## **water & sanitation**

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#### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO 446**

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**446. Ms D C Christians (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) What steps his department is taking to (a) support and (b) assist the Magareng Local Municipality in resolving the ongoing water crisis that has been caused by the damaged pipeline and the delayed completion of the new water purification plant;
- (2) whether his department has conducted any assessments of the disaster management (a) processes and (b) response mechanisms that are in place in the said municipality; if not, why not; if so, (i) what were the findings and (ii) what measures will be taken to improve future crisis mitigation and disaster readiness? CW563E

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- 1) (a) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) provides technical support and assumes a coordinating role between the affected stakeholders. In addition, DWS is currently funding the upgrading of the Warrenton Water Treatment Works at a cost of R90 million.
- (b) The project delays were caused by the poor performance by the mechanical contractor. The contract was consequently terminated by the municipality. The municipality will appoint a new contractor where the DWS will play an oversight role during the procurement process as well as fully funding the project. It must be noted that the commencement of the project was delayed due to lack of co-funding from the municipality prior to the decision by DWS to fully fund the project.
- 2) (a) The Frances Baard District Municipality is responsible for declaring disasters within its area of operation according to the National Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002. After the District Municipality declared the incident as a disaster, the Magareng Local Municipality, in consultation with Provincial Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGTHA) and DWS, applied to the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) to perform an assessment to secure possible disaster relief funding.
- (b) DWS supports both the Provincial and National Disaster Management Centres during assessments. Currently Magareng LM is still awaiting a response from the NDMC.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS  
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

DATE: 27/09/20

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

DATE: 6/7/20