



water & sanitation

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QUESTION NO 448

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

With reference to the ongoing water crisis that has been caused by the damaged pipeline and the delayed completion of the new water purification plant at the Magareng Local Municipality (details furnished), what (a) support and/or (b) financial assistance his department is prepared to provide to alleviate the costs of the use of private water tankers and to ensure the sustainable provision of water services to the affected communities? CW565E

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Provincial Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGSTHA), Magareng Local Municipality (LM), Frances Baard District Municipality (DM) and Public Works held meetings following the damage wherein immediate, short-term, and long-term solutions were discussed.

As an immediate intervention, four (4) water trucks are dispatched to provide water to the community. Public Works provided two (2) water trucks to supplement two (2) trucks from the Magareng LM. Over expenditure was incurred due the breakdown of the two trucks provided by Public Works. Currently, the two trucks from Public Works are back in operation and the Office of the Premier provided two (2) additional trucks to assist in the supply of water bringing to a total six (6) trucks currently in operation.

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.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 30/06/23 ✓

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 06/02/23