



## water & sanitation

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Water and Sanitation  
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### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

### **QUESTION NO 479**

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**479. Ms M Dlamini (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What interventions have been made to curb the number of cholera cases in Mpumalanga as it has been recently detected and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- (a) The Department has advised the Water Service Authorities to immediately issue an advisory notice to the supplied areas or consumers where non-compliant with SANS 241 standards were detected.
- (b) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) investigated the reported case of cholera on 05 June 2023 at Mmamethlake/Phake Village under Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. Officials from the Department visited the affected family and area to establish whether other members of the family or neighbours experienced any symptoms of cholera. Following these engagements, it was confirmed that no other members have cholera symptoms, and that the deceased had travelled to an affected area. It was also established that the source of water used for Domestic purposes was from a borehole located inside the yard. Drinking water quality samples were collected from the borehole and also from the standpipe located adjacent to the yard on 06 June 2023. Samples were analysed at Yanka laboratory to ascertain whether the drinking water is compliant with SANS 241 standards. The water quality results show no traces of Vibrio Cholera.

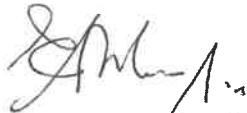
The Department of Health also conducted tests on some of the villagers and the results were negative.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED

  
**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
DATE: 7/7/23

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

  
**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
DATE: 21/7/23