



water & sanitation

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QUESTION NO 615

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615. Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether he has been informed of the water pipe in Ward 48 of Mofokeng in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality that has been leaking since May 2022 and not been repaired to date even after being reported; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) why has it not been repaired and (b) what time frame is in place in this regard?

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- (a) The Department visited the area for inspection in Ward 48 Mofokeng. Following the visit, officials from City of Ekurhuleni were given the exact coordinates and requested to fix the leaking pipe.
- (b) The City of Ekurhuleni struggles with the required capacity to fix water and sewer pipes leaks within reasonable time. The Department has received numerous water leaks complaints that goes for extended periods before they are eventually fixed.
- (c) The leaking pipe in Ward 48 was repaired on 18 October 2023. Ordinary water and sewer spillages must be fixed within 48 hours, however, as demonstrated by this case, the City of Ekurhuleni took a very long time to attend to the leak in Ward 48 which resulted in water losses.

The Department has noted this anomaly and the fact that large volumes of treated water is lost in the systems and took the initiatives to regularly meet with Gauteng municipalities to look at ways to reduce large water consumption, investment in water storage capacities and public awareness campaigns regarding sustainable water use, fixing of leaks, and water conservation and water demand management. This is to ensure that water is used sparingly as a scarce resource.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 05/11/23

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

DATE: 02/11/23