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QUESTION NO 638

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638. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What is the total value of the sewage infrastructure maintenance project that was awarded to the Vaal Central in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, (b) how much of this amount has been paid to the said company to date, (c) how much has the said company paid to each subcontractor to date, (d) what is the extent of the work that has been done by the said company to date and (e) why has the general workers on the project not received their payment from the said company in some cases?

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- (a) The total project estimated value awarded to Vaal Central was R1,8 billion. However, with appointment of Professional Service Providers (PSPs) and detail work done by them, the total project estimated value is now R2.5 billion.
- (b) The total expenditure of contractors since the inception of the Programme from 15 July 2022 is currently at R273 million. The subcontractors are appointed by the main contractors and are not nominated by Vaal Central and are directly paid for services rendered by the main contractors.
- (c) Twenty-three (23) sub-contractors were contracted. According to the main contractors, an amount of R11,9 million has already been paid to the sub-contractors.
- (d) The extent of work done to date is more on the refurbishment of sewer pump stations and sewer networks. Eight (8) contractors were appointed for refurbishment of 8 pumpstations for a period of 6 months and progress is at an average of 35% completion. Six (6) contractors were appointed for a period of 3 years for refurbishment of sewer networks of which two (2) withdrew from the project citing issues related to tendered rates. The

procurement process for their replacement is in progress. The progress to date is at an average of 3.0% completion.

- (e) The department has consulted Vaal Central Board around the allegations, Vaal Central Board have indicated that they are not aware of any general workers not paid as this is a labour relations matter between the employer and its employees.

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MR FRANS MOATSHE
DIRECTOR GENERAL (ACTING)

DATE: 2023/09/29

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 6/10/23