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

What specific measures are in place for his department to address critical issues regarding water and sanitation infrastructure in the Northern Cape, including (a) challenges by the municipalities, (b) the outdated infrastructure and (c) the increasing financial obligations as highlighted in the recent oversight by the National Council of Provinces.

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- (a) Measures put in place to by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to address critical issues regarding water and sanitation infrastructure in the Northern Cape include interventions that are being implemented in the Sol Plaatjie, and Kgatelopele Local Municipalities. The DWS has various mechanisms to provide support for improvement of Waste Water Treatment plants particularly those that are classified as critical. These include the following:
- DWS is contributing R605 million through Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant and Water Services Infrastructure Grant
 - Technical advice and management support from DWS and the Vaal Central Water Board
 - In many of the worst performing municipalities, Minister and municipal leadership have agreed on improvement plans.
- (b) Approximately 80.13% of the households in the Northern Cape either have access to piped water supply in their dwellings or in their yard. The remaining 19.87% are reliant on other water sources including standpipes, springs and boreholes. Furthermore, as indicated above, the Department is funding various water and sanitation projects in Philipstown, Vredesvallei, Windsorton, Hondeklipbay and Catersridge and Douglas in the province to address issues regarding outdated water and sanitation infrastructure.

- (c) The Department is in the process of developing Water and Sanitation Reliability Plans for each municipality in the Northern Cape to provide a comprehensive implementation plan to achieve reliable water within a period of five years. The Water and Sanitation Reliability Plans are intended to provide a pipeline of projects to achieve reliable services.

The Department is also in the process of compiling the Northern Cape Bulk Water and Sanitation Services Master Plan. The objective is to provide Provincial role-players with a provincial perspective and overview of the water and sanitation service supply status and a comprehensive associated infrastructure status and future development needs. This includes Water Board infrastructure as well as other large consumers such as mines, agriculture and the chamber of business. Regional Bulk Projects are then identified, validated and prioritized through a funding model based on available RBIG Provincial allocations.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 27/11/23 ✓

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 01/12/23