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QUESTION NO 697 [*230]

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697. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation: [★230]

(a) Who has been given the authority to intervene at the Emfuleni Local Municipality in terms of section 63 intervention of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997), (b) what is their mandate and (c) what progress has been achieved in this regard?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- a) Rand Water Board has been given the authority to intervene at the Emfuleni Local Municipality in terms of section 63 intervention of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997). They were appointed for a period of three years from October 2021 until 30 September 2024.
- b) The mandate for Rand Water is to be Implementing Agent for the Vaal River intervention in terms of Section 63 of the Water Services Act which includes the following:
- Restoration of wastewater infrastructure services to an operational state
 - Stopping pollution of the Vaal River System,
 - Operation and Maintenance of water services infrastructure,
 - Upgrade and refurbishment of water services infrastructure,
 - Sustainability, water conservation and water demand management currently funded by the Department in relation to the Emfuleni Vaal River system and Section 63 intervention ("The Project").

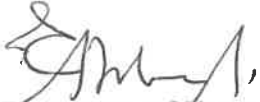
- c) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has, through Rand Water, implemented the following critical projects to alleviate sewer spillages and water losses in the Emfuleni Local Municipality:
- DWS has completed replacement of 28 collapsed pipelines and these pipelines are in operation, spillages were also reduced in some of the Emfuleni areas.
 - DWS is currently implementing additional 24 sites sewer pipelines replacement
 - Awareness campaigns have been conducted to educate the community members to prevent them from throwing foreign objects into the sewer system.
 - The refurbishment of Pump Stations 2, 8, 9 and 10 is at 96%, 97%, 94% and 99% completion, respectively.
 - 1.3 km Gravity Main to Pump Station 2 is at 58% completion
 - Rand Water has appointed contractors on a combined tender whereby Pump Station 34 will be refurbished and upgraded, installation of new rising main from Pump Station 2 to Leeuwkuil WWTW, Refurbishment of inlet works at Leeuwkuil and Rietspruit WWTW.
 - Rand Water is currently in procurement processes for the upgrade of Leeuwkuil, Sebokeng and Rietspruit WWTW for 15 M/L, 50ML and 50 ML respectively. The upgrades are anticipated to commence in April 2024.
 - Several fleet and materials were purchased to alleviate the crisis in the Emfuleni LM. One of the objectives for the Section 63 is to capacitate the Metsi-A Lekoa offices with tools of trade and staff appointments.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 26/10/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 31/10/23