



## **water & sanitation**

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Water and Sanitation  
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### **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

#### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO 702**

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#### **702. Ms N Tafeni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether his department together with other stakeholders is addressing the intensity and frequency of flooding as the resulting of poor land use that has created environmental damage which has resulted in degradation of land (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) how is this being done and (b) who are the relevant stakeholders in this regard;
- (2) whether any tangible results are visible as mitigating measures; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- (1) The intensity and frequency of extreme rainfall events and the subsequent floods is a natural event mostly caused by climate change. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) does not have control over the occurrence of these extreme events, our role is on the issuance of early warnings to the areas likely to be affected by floods, including those areas which are prone to floods. The land degradation restoration programme is not a mandate of the DWS.
- (2) Not applicable.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:** 19/10/23

**DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED**



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

**DATE:** 24/10/23