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QUESTION NO 725

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725. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What interventions have been made in the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality that is facing water provision challenges as a result of old water pipes which are in a state of disrepair?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is overseeing interventions to address the water provision challenges in Maquassi Hills Local Municipality. The tables below provide details on water related projects funded by DWS through the Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) which are completed, currently under implementation and those still in the planning stages.

Table 1: Completed Water related projects

	Name of Project	Budget	Scope of Works	Completion date
1	Replacement of asbestos pipeline in Wolmaransstad Phase 1	R 22 million	Replacement of 2 965 metres of ac pipelines ranging from 160mm to 315mm in diameter	30 June 2019
2	Replacement of asbestos pipeline in Wolmaransstad Phase 2		Replacement of 4 376 metres of ac pipeline from Kemp Street to corner of Broadbent/ Kruger Street	30 June 2020
3	Refurbishment of boreholes and installation of 4 x 10 000 litre jojos on steel stands in Lebaleng ext.3	R 2.7 million	Refurbish boreholes x 2, Installation of a pumping mains, Erection of 4 x steel stands	30 June 2023

Table 2: Projects currently being implemented

	Name of Project	Budget	Scope of Works	Status of project	Challenges	Anticipated Completion date
1	Length of Bulk pipeline upgraded between Buisfontein and Tsweleng	R 98 million	Replacement of 12 km AC pipeline, Installation of a new 400 diameter OPVC pipeline, Installation of 24 Air valves with chambers, construction of a new 5 Ml reservoir, Inlet and outlet structures at Buisfontein and Tsweleng, Pressure testing of pipeline, water tightness test of reservoir	Outstanding works: Pressure testing of pipeline, testing of reservoirs, installation of inlet and outlet structures at both reservoirs	Shortage of bulk water supply due to an agreement between Magalies Water and Maquassi Hills. Bulk water is supply based on the affordability of Maquassi Hills LM	30 June 2024
2	Emergency works; Bulk Water Supply Augmentation in Wolmaransstad ext.13, 17, 18 and 19	R 67 million	Drill and equip 9 new boreholes, equip 5 existing boreholes, Construct pump-houses, pumping mains to both Tsweleng reservoir and to the newly constructed storage tank in Wolmaransstad town	Detailed Design stage	None	December 2024

Table 3: Projects in the planning stage

	Name of Project	Budget	Scope of Works	Status of project
1	Replacement of asbestos pipe networks in all the 3 towns (Wolmaransstad, Maquassi and Leeudoringstad)	R 80 million	Replacement all AC pipes with Upvc pipes	Business plan submitted to District for consolidation as part of the BFI Programme
2	Installation of Bulk zonal meters in Maquassi Hills LM	R 32 million	Install Bulk zonal meters in the 17 zonal areas identified by the Municipality for water loss management.	Bid was advertised on 6 October 2023 and will be closing on 16 November 2023
3	Upgrade Bulk pipeline between Balkfontein and Buisfontein	R 580 million	Upgrade bulk pipeline between Balkfontein and Buisfontein	Business plan submitted to District for consolidation as part of the BFI Programme

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
 DATE: 24/11/23

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
 DATE: 28/11/23