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QUESTION NO 876

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876. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) (a) Why the projects in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality to upgrade (i) sewer lines, (ii) pump stations and (iii) Waste Water Treatment Plants not remained on schedule and (b) what are the cost implications to date on each project as a result of the delays;
- (2) whether any contractors have been paid in advance in this regard; if so, (a) for which projects and (b) how much in each case?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

1. (a) The projects to upgrade (i) sewer lines, (ii) pump stations and (iii) Waste Water Treatment Plants in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality are being implemented. Some of these are multi-year projects and are being implemented in phases and are due for completion at different timelines. Some phases have been completed. The details are provided below:
 - The project to upgrade sewer pipelines is scheduled for implementation over a period of 36 months. Four contractors were appointed for the sewer pipelines and commenced with the project in April 2023. The projects in Thabong Extension 3 are scheduled for completion in November 2025 and the projects for Welkom and Kutlwanong are scheduled for completion in May 2026.

Furthermore, three appointments for new contractors were concluded on November 2023 to replace initial contractors that were appointed in April 2023 for Thabong Extension 2 and Thabong Extension 4 and had subsequently withdrawn in July 2023. The timelines for these projects are as follows:

- Thabong Extension 2 – commenced in December 2023 and due for completion in January 2025
- Thabong Extension 4 – commenced in December 2023 and due for completion in January 2024

- Henneman – commenced in December 2023 and due for completion in January 2026.

The refurbishment of pumpstations consists of short -term project scheduled for implementation over a period of 7-10 months. Eight contractors were appointed and commenced with the projects from May 2023. The timelines for the completion of the projects are indicated below:

- Bronville North Pumpstation - January 2024
- Western Sewer Pumpstation - January 2024
- T16 Pumpstation - March 2024
- Vida Pumpstation - December 2023
- Akasia Pumpstation - February 2024
- Big Frank Pumpstation – March 2024
- Eldorie Pumpstation – January 2024
- Small Frank Pumpstation – January 2024

Fourteen new appointments were made on the refurbishment of 14 pump stations including Bronville South, Major Pumpstation, Power Road Pumpstation, Rheederspark 1 and 2 Pumpstations, , Traffic Pumpstation, Althea Pumpstation, Benregal Pumpstation, Bothaville, Goudrit 1 and 2, Hospital way, Mimosa Pumpstation and Workshop Pumpstation. All of these projects are planned for completion in August 2023.

The projects to refurbish the Wastewater Treatment Works are long term projects scheduled for implementation over a period of 12-24 months. Two appointments for contractors were made in September 2023 as follows:

- Kutlwanong WWTW – completion dates are planned for June 2025
- Thabong Phase 1b WWTW – completion dates planned for October 2024

(b) There are no contractors that have been paid in advance for the (i) sewer lines, (ii) pumpstations and (iii) Wastewater Treatment Works. The contractors will be subjected to a penalty clause should there be delays on completion of the projects.


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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)
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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 13/12/23