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2403. Ms Z S Abader (MK) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

How does Rand Water intend to address infrastructure maintenance and/or upgrades to prevent recurring water shortages in the south of Johannesburg?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

Johannesburg Water (JW), as an entity City of Johannesburg, is entrusted with the provision of quality water and sanitation services to the residents of Johannesburg. The entity is aware of the recurring water shortages in the south of Johannesburg and has acknowledged the need to upgrade its infrastructure. To address this, JW has appointed contractors, who are currently on site, to construct additional reservoirs to increase storage capacity and pumping stations.

JW supplies 1.6 billion liters of potable water per day, which is procured from Rand Water which has increased its capacity by 150 million litres of water a day. Rand Water further plans to commission an additional 450 million litres of water a day in additional capacity in the coming year. It is important that it

be noted that water losses in the municipalities remain a serious challenge that contributes to water shortages in the city. The City of Johannesburg has to address water losses in order to ensure sustainability of supply for residents.

To assist the CoJ and other Gauteng municipalities with water conservation measures, DWS has facilitated the establishment of the Platform for a Water-secure Gauteng. This is a collaboration between the Department, Rand Water, the municipalities in Gauteng and business and civil society leaders in the province to improve communication regarding water supply challenges and to raise awareness of the need to use water sparingly. A shared information repository and dashboard, accessible to the public, has been created on the Department's website, to communicate strategic and timeous information regarding water supply issues in the province.

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