



## **water & sanitation**

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### **QUESTION NO 1804**

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**1804. Mr N M Hadebe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What (i) is the anticipated impact of the National Treasury's suspension of R900 million in grants on the ongoing and planned water infrastructure projects within KwaZulu-Natal municipalities and (ii) strategies does her department intend to implement to mitigate the adverse effects of the funding suspension on water service delivery in the specified municipalities and (b) how is her department collaborating with municipal entities such as Mhlathuze Water to expedite the (i) rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure and (ii) development of new reticulation networks, especially in regions facing acute water scarcity?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (a)(i) After consultation with sector departments and 34 municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal, the National Treasury has confirmed that portions of the grants to municipalities would not be transferred for the 2024/25 year. The decision is based on non-performance against objectives and goals set out in the Energy Efficiency Demand Side Management (EEDSM), the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), the Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant (ISUPG), the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP), the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant (NDPG), the Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG), the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG), the Rural Roads Asset Management Systems Grant (RRAMS), and the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG).

The impacted Municipalities and related grants are detailed below.

No.	Name of Municipality	R000	EEDSM	EPWP	INEP	MIG	NDPG	PTNG	RBIG	RRAMS	WSIG	TOTAL
1.	eThekweni						8 000	670 000				678 000
2.	uMdoni		1 800									1 800
3.	Ray Nkonyeni				3 659		15 000					18 659
4.	Ugu District Municipality									896		896
5.	Msunduzi										15 000	15 000
6.	Mkhambathini			230								230
7.	Alfred Duma				4 556							4 556
8.	uThukela DM					5 727						5 727
9.	uMzinyathi DM									768	30 000	30 768
10.	Newcastle				4 344							4 344
11.	uPhongolo				898							898
12.	AbaQulusi				2 207							2 207
13.	Nongoma					2 049						2 049
14.	Zululand									796		796
15.	Jozini				1 573							1 573
16.	uMhlathuze			237	1 940						21 400	23 577
17.	Mthonjaneni				2 811							2 811
18.	King Cetshwayo								20 000		6 500	26 500
19.	Mandeni				7 727							7 727
20.	KwaDukuza					8 924						8 924
21.	Ndwedwe				1 198							1 198
22.	Maphumulo											-
23.	iLembe DM					9 042					10 000	19 042
24.	uBuhlebezwe				186							186
25.	uMzimkhulu					3 888						3 888
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1 800</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>31 099</b>	<b>29 630</b>	<b>23 000</b>	<b>670 000</b>	<b>20 000</b>	<b>2 460</b>	<b>82 900</b>	<b>861 356</b>

(ii) As far as the DWS RBIG and WSIG allocations to KZN are concerned, there were no reductions implemented by NT.

- (b) As part of support provided to municipalities, the DWS deploys uMngeni-uThukela Water to assist municipalities that are struggling to render water and sanitation services to their communities. Currently, uMngeni-uThukela Water is undertaking rehabilitation of existing water infrastructure and development of new reticulation networks in the uMkhanyakude District Municipality through the directive the Department issued to the water entity in terms of section 41(1)(ii) of the Water Services Act.

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