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5037.Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What plans has her department put in place to ensure that the community of Ward 16 in the Mtubatuba Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal will be provided with reliable water supply as the specified community still lives without access to basic water and must travel long distances to obtain it?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Umkhanyakude District Municipality (UKDM) is the Water Services Authority (WSA) responsible for the provision of water services in the district, including Ward 16 in the Mtubatuba Local Municipality.

Due to water services challenges in the UKDM, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) appointed uMngeni-uThukela Water (UUW) for a period of five years as an implementing agent to manage the expenditure of DWS grant allocations aimed at assisting UKDM to address the water supply challenges being experienced by communities residing in the UKDM area.

The support includes, but is not limited to, construction of new infrastructure to provide water to the unserved communities, refurbishment and/or upgrading of existing water supply schemes as well as augmentation of existing water resources.

Through the Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), the DWS has committed the following resources over the medium-term expenditure period for this intervention:

- 2025/2026: R235 331 000
- 2026/2027: R457 655 000
- 2027/2028: R475 964 000

In the Mtubatuba Local Municipality specifically, five water supply projects are currently being rolled out. Implementation of additional projects including projects in Ward 16 will be dependent on availability of additional funding as the current allocation, does not meet all the needs in the district. In the interim, the UKDM supplies water to the community of Ward 16 through tankering.

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