

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO 181

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**181. Ms H Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry:**

- (1) (a) When and (b) where was the last water purification plant (i) built and (ii) upgraded;
- (2) whether any new water purification plants are planned; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) where will they be built;
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW573E

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#### **REPLY:**

- (1)(a) It must be noted that the planning, construction and maintenance of these plants are normally the responsibilities of Water Services Authorities (municipalities).
- (1)(b)  
(i)+(ii) The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry has funded and constructed two major regional water treatment works at Nandoni (2003) and Inyaka (under construction) Dams as part of the water resource development plan.
- (2)(a)  
and  
(2)(b) Water purification plants, unlike electricity power stations, are built on a far smaller scale since the supply zone of each of these purification works will mostly be limited to the developed area in close proximity of the source. Water Boards plan and build regional water treatment works; and municipalities do that at municipal level to ensure that the local demand is being met. For this reason my Department is not always informed and does not monitor or regulate the construction of such works. However, it can be noted that once my Department becomes aware of drinking water quality problems and if investigations would show that the expansion or refurbishment of the treatment works would improve the quality of water, my Department would influence the specific municipality to undertake the necessary works. One example of such a recommendation is a new works at Delmas which will supply the surrounding community.
- (3) No.