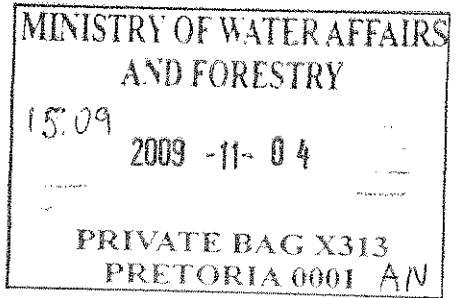




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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 129 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN), is attached for your consideration, please.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Ad)

DATE: 03/11/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

  
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129. Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department has any plans to convert the Qedusizi Dam outside of Ladysmith, in KwaZulu-Natal from a flood attenuation dam into a dual purpose flood attenuation and water storage dam; if not, why not; if so, (a) when will the construction begin, (b) what is the estimated cost of the conversion and (c) what will the water storage capacity be after the conversion?

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REPLY:

No, My Department does not have plans to convert Qedusizi Dam from a flood attenuation into a dual purpose dam because of the following reasons:

- The current dam protects the low lying areas of Ladysmith from the high risk of flooding.
- Another risk is if the dam is used as storage facility it will silt up too quickly, thus reducing lifespan.
- It will be cheaper to build another dam or supply Ladysmith from other sources than to convert the Qedusizi dam to a dual flood attenuation and storage facility.

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