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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1313 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs A T Lovemore (DA), is attached for your consideration, please.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 29/9/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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1313. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Green Drop Report will be made public; if so, when; if not, why not;
- (2) what has caused the delay in publication of the report;
- (3) whether the publication of the report will be accompanied by a public commitment to a plan of action to address shortcomings identified in the report; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes. The Green Drop Report is currently being finalised and the aim is to make it public before the end of November 2009.
- (2) Delays of a few months were caused by the sheer magnitude and complexity of the project, the first of its kind being undertaken in South Africa. For example the entire Cape Town Drinking Water Supply is being operated as one integrated Water Supply System and could be evaluated as such for the Blue Drop certificate process whilst Twenty Three (23) individual Waste Water Service Systems had to be assessed individually and verified for the Green Drop certification process.
- (3) Yes. Once the Green Drop Report is finalised as a Regulatory Assessment, My Department will develop and modify a national plan to address shortcomings as identified. As the execution of such a plan is not the sole responsibility of My Department, it will be necessary to coordinate the finalisation of such a plan with those of Municipalities and other relevant role-players such as the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, National Treasury and SALGA.