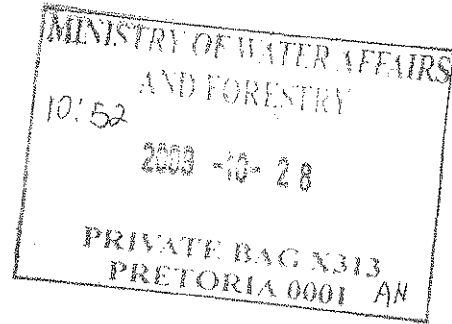




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 138 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: 27.10.09

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MS B P SONJICA, MP
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QUESTION NO 138

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■138. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs: [Written Question No 879]

- (1) Whether all water service authorities have complied with and submitted water services development plans in accordance with sections 12 to 17 of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997; if not, (a) which water services authorities have not submitted such plans and (b) what action is being taken or has been taken to ensure compliance with the relevant sections of the Act;
- (2) whether all water service authorities report annually on the implementation of the relevant water services development plans in accordance with section 18 of Act 108 of 1997; if not, (a) which water services authorities do not comply with the annual reporting requirement and (b) what action is being taken or has been taken to ensure compliance with the relevant section of the Act;
- (3) whether (a) all water services development plans submitted to the department are assessed for feasibility in line with national and regional water demand and supply scenarios and (b) water service authorities are engaged in possible changes required to these plans; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) No. Not all Water Services Authorities (WSAs) have complied and submitted water services development plans (WSDP's). There are 175 Water Service Authorities (WSA's) and to date only 107 WSA's have submitted WSDP's, 48 are in the process of developing WSDP (interim status);

(1)(a)The following 20 WSA's have neither prepared nor submitted a WSDP:

1. Tlokwe NW 431
2. Vhembe DC34
3. West Rand DM DC48
4. Letsemeng FS161
5. Kopanong FS162
6. Mohokare FS163
7. Naledi FS171
8. Masilonyana FS181
9. Tokologo FS182
10. Tswelopele FS183

11. Nala LM FS185
12. Setsoto FS191
13. Dihlabeng FS192
14. Nketoana FS193
15. Phumelela FS195
16. Moqhaka FS201
17. Ngwathe FS203
18. Metsimaholo FS204
19. Mafube FS205
20. Thabo Mofutsanyane DC19

- (1)(b) In order to ensure compliance with the Water Services Act, My Department has established provincial teams to facilitate the development of WSDP's for those WSA's that have not yet submitted a plan as well as for those that have not yet submitted revised plans. My Department has also developed a WSDP Preparation Guide to support Local Government in this process.
- (2)(a) No, not all WSAs report annually. My Department only receives annual report from all the WSAs in the Western Cape as part of the Water Services Audit.
- (2)(b) There is no structured reporting on WSDP implementation compliance in the other provinces yet. My Department does recognise these shortcomings and has included the compliance with this relevant section of the Act as part of the new WSDP Guideline developed between My Department and SALGA.
- (3)(a) No. Although all WSDP's are received by My Department and are assessed through a comprehensive assessment tool, the feasibility of each and every project relating to regional water demand and supply scenarios is currently not possible because the necessary water resource information is not available for all towns and villages.
- (3)(b) Yes, Water Service Authorities are engaged in reviewing WSDP when such plans are submitted. In addition, to enable the assessment of the feasibility of projects at WSDP level, My Department has embarked on a national program to do water reconciliation strategies for all the towns in the country. This will provide the My Department with better knowledge to enable enhanced engagement with regard to regional water demand and supply scenarios at project feasibility level.