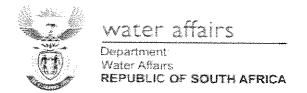
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1566 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

Does the Muniter want to answer from 2006 of just for her term? If yes then I approve.

MS B P SONJICA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1566

<u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 09 OCTOBER 2009</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 20)

1566. Mrs P C Duncan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department organised or hosted (a) an imbizo, (b) a seminar, (c) conference and (d) any other function during the period 1 January 2006 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) on what date, (ii) what was the total amount spent on each, (iii) what is the breakdown of the cost in each case and (iv) how many guests attended in each case;
- (2) whether there were any related costs for the travel and accommodation of guests for each of the events; if so, in each case, (a) what were the costs and (b) what was the breakdown of these costs;
- (3) whether any member of the Cabinet was present at any of these events; if so, (a) who, (b) in what capacity and (c) why?
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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, My Department hosted three Imbizo during the period in question. Two of these were done in Kwa-Zulu Natal, while one was held in the Eastern Cape.
- (1)(b) No, My Department has not organized a seminar during the period in question.
- (1)(c)(i) Yes, My Department has had a number of conferences during the period in question. The years in which these conferences fall are indicated in the brackets. These include Symposia associated with the National Water Week (2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009), National Sanitation Week (2006,2007 and 2008), WeedBuster Week (2006,2007,2008 and 2009), Water for Growth and Development Summit (2007), HELP Southern Symposium (2007), Municipal Indabas (2008), Waste Discharge Management and Water for Growth and Development (2008), launch of a Women's Organisation (2008), eight Provincial Water Sector Izindaba (2009), and 2nd Africa Water Week (2009), Stakeholder launch for Water for Growth and Development (2009).
- (1)(c)(ii) The amount spent on each is specified in the breakdown of the costs below as required in question (1)(c)(iii). Note that this breakdown is provided only in cases where this information is readily available.

(1)©(iii) The cost breakdown for specific event/conferences/seminar/Izimbizo is presented in table 1 below for cases where this data is readily available.

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- (2) The costs shown in Table 1 include all the costs My Department incurred.
- (3)(a) Yes, Members of Cabinet are invited and often attend, Imbizo, Conferences, Seminars and any other functions.
 - The Minister of Mineral and Energy, Ms B Sonjica attended the Imbizo.
 - Deputy President Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka attended the Municipal Water Indaba of 2008.
 - Minister in the Presidency, Mr. T Manuel attended the 2nd Africa Water Week of 2009.

- (3)(b) Minister B Sonjica attended in her capacity as Minister of Minerals and Energy. Deputy President P Mlambo-Ngcuka attended in her capacity as Deputy President of the Republic and Minister T Manual attended in his capacity as Minister in the Presidency.
- (3)(c) Minister B Sonjica attended the Joint Water and Electricity Imbizo because the electricity function fell within the Department of Minerals of Energy, of which she was the Minister.

Deputy President Ms P Mlambo-Ngcuka was the keynote speaker at the Municipal Water Indaba in 2008.

Minister T Manual attended on behalf of the President and also delivered a keynote address.

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