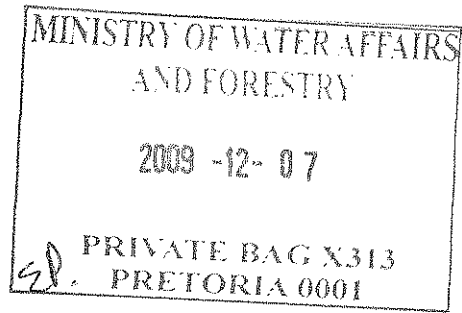




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1814 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs H N Ndude (Cope), is attached for your consideration, please.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)
DATE: 7.12.09

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED →


MS B P SONJICA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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1814. **Mrs H N Ndude (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether, in light of the fact that South Africa will face a water deficit of 1.7% by 2025, the Government has taken any steps to entrench a culture that will ensure that there was no waste of water and that all used water was recycled to the optimal level that was possible; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Yes. My Department is taking steps to entrench a culture of water conservation and re-use through various mechanisms. One such mechanism is awareness campaigns that are used to spread the water conservation message to the youth and the public (e.g. the Blue Ribbon and SA Youth Water Prize).

As water related issues are generally not sufficiently addressed in development plans, water conservation is one of My key messages in the Provincial Water Indabas. Therefore I have requested Provinces to incorporate water scarcity, water conservation and public awareness on the protection of our precious resource into the Provincial Water Plans. In addition, My Department has partnered with the City of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela, eThekweni and City of Johannesburg Metros on water conservation water demand management programmes.

My Department has conducted a number of reconciliation strategies that assess current availability of water, use and future requirements. From these, recycling of water is encouraged as potential source to augment existing supplies.