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MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2150 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:

7.12.09


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MS/MP SONJICA, MP
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2150. Mrs A T Lovmore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to her reply to Question 1082 on 18 September 2009, (a) why is the information being gathered not readily available as part of the Water Services Development Plans required of each water services authority in terms of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997 and (b) why is the report only due for completion by the end of 2011;
- (2) whether any plans are in place to address current and imminent water shortages; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) who is responsible for the (i) development, (ii) implementation and (iii) funding of these plans?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The data and information being gathered for the (All Towns Reconciliation Strategy Study" are obtained from different sources. The information available in the Water Services Development Plans, to a large extent only cover the Water Services part (i.e. the water supply from the water treatment works via the distribution systems to the users) and the sanitation information (i.e. the Waste Water collection systems, Waste Water Treatment and Discharge). These plans normally do not address the sources of Water Supply to the towns and villages, current or future needs, as it is not a requirement of the Water Services Act.
- (1)(b) The "All Towns Reconciliation Strategy Study" has just been initiated. This is indeed an enormous undertaking. Towns and villages have been prioritised in terms of urgency for bulk supplies, and separate reports will be produced for each town or cluster of villages as the study progresses, with the less urgent cases being handled towards the end of the study. As such all the reports of the 4 studies are only due for completion by the end of 2011
- (2)(a)
and
- (2)(b)(i) Yes, My Department is currently developing these plans. Refer to response in (1)(b).
- (2)(b)(ii) The implementation and funding thereof is the responsibility of Water Services Authorities charged with the Water Service powers and functions.

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