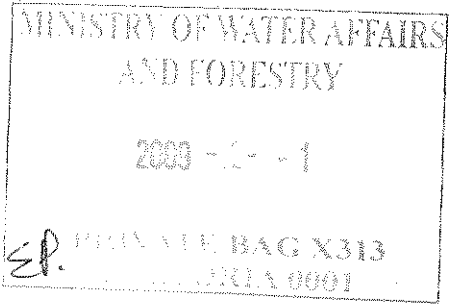




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2308 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: 11/12/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 01. 12. 2009

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QUESTION NO 2308

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**2308. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) (a) What measures were put in place to prevent the R18 million made available by her department to the Sunday River Valley Municipality for water supply in Paterson from being utilised for operational expenses and (b) what action will she take against the municipality for utilising R10.3 million of this fund for operational expenses;
- (2) whether the R10.3 million will be recovered from the accounting officer in his personal capacity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) (a) who will accept the responsibility for payment to the contract for work that has been completed towards the implementation of the Paterson water supply system and (b) what action will be taken to ensure that the construction of the Paterson water supply system can be completed?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) (a) An agreement was signed between My Department and the Sunday's River Municipality as a Water Services Authority with details of the purpose of the funds and the manner in which they must be spent.
- (1) (b) An audit of the funds is being undertaken by My Department to determine how the funds were utilized and for what purpose. Appropriate action will be taken on the basis of the results of the audit.
- (2) The Municipal Manager has since left the Municipality. My Department is currently engaging the municipality with the intention to recover the unaccounted for funds. At a meeting held recently, the Municipality committed to repay the funds.
- (3) (a) The Sundays River Valley Municipality is expected to pay for work already completed within the project.
- (3) (b) Currently interacting with the Municipality to facilitate the transfer of the contract to My Department to ensure the continuation of the project.

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