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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 950 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus), is attached for your consideration, please.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)  
DATE: 29/9/09



DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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QUESTION NO 950

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**950. Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:†**

- (1) (a) How much water has been provided to emerging farmers in terms of the Water Allocation Reform framework where previously no water was available and (b) where was this water acquired;
- (2) whether (a) commercial farms and (b) white farmers have been receiving less water since the drawing up of the Water Allocation Reform framework; if not, why not; if so, (i) to what extent and (ii) how many (aa) farms and (bb) white farmers are now receiving less water;
- (3) whether the decrease in water supply to (a) commercial farms and (b) white farmers took place (i) in terms of verification and differentiation and (ii) was caused by market forces; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) A total of 1 086 271 m<sup>3</sup>/a irrigation water has been authorised for the productive use by emerging farmers.
- (1)(b) The water is acquired from various catchments around the country.
- (2)(a) There has been no decrease or curtailment of Water Supply to commercial farmers and,
- (2)(b) To white farmers as a result of Water Allocation Reform Framework
- (2)(b)(i) Falls Away
- (2)(b)(ii) Not applicable as none of these are receiving less water than entitled to.

- (3)(a) There is no decrease of Water Supply to the commercial Farmers and,
- (3)(b) ~~White~~ White Farmers
- (3)(b)(i) Falls Away
- (3)(b)(ii) However some registered Water Use Entitlements that were incorrectly recorded in favour of certain farmers have in some instance been adjusted to reflect the actual Water Use. This is common in all the areas where validation and verification have been conducted such as Mhlathuze, Inkomati, Jan Dissels, Middle Vaal, Mokolo and Upper Vaal.