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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 790 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:

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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

Whether her department has made funding available to the Albany Coast Water Board to allow for the refurbishment of the desalination plants operated by the board; if so, (a) what amount was made available and (b) when will the money be transferred to the board; if not, (i) why not, (ii) what measures will be put in place to ensure that the board meets the current and anticipated demand for water in the area and (iii) when will these measures be in place?

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REPLY:

- (a) No. Albany Coast Water Board has recently approached My Department to make an amount of R 2.47 million available as grant funding for the refurbishment of their desalination plant. A submission is being considered by My Department.
- (b) The money will be transferred to the board as soon as the request is approved.
- (b)(i) Falls away
- (b)(ii) If approved the R 2.47 million requested from My Department and a further R 1.6 million that will be funded by Kenton Eco-Estate (a private real-estate developer) will be utilised to refurbish the three desalination plants, this will restore operating capacity and will enable the Water Board to effectively meet the current and anticipated demand.
- (b)(iii) The measures will be in place after the request to grant-funding has been considered and approved.