

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 91

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91. Mr A M Mpontshane (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department will consider using the Jozini Dam to supply the people in the uMkhanyakude District Municipality with water; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Yes, the Jozini Dam constitutes the main water resources development node for water supply to the uMkhanyakude and eastern Zululand Districts in KwaZulu-Natal.

- A regional pipeline currently constructed by the Zululand District Municipality to cover the Mandlakazi area will take water south as far as the town and rural environment of the Hlabisa municipality within the uMkhanyakude District.
- The dam will also supply water to large new irrigation development areas on the Makhatini Flats, currently under investigation by private investment companies.
- The dam is also identified as the main source of water for regional bulk water supply schemes that will cover the Jozini – Ingwavuma area to the north and Ubombo-Mkuze area to the south.
- Studies are currently being done to investigate a pipeline link from the Jozini Dam to augment supplies from the Hluhluwe Dam in the south to supply water past Hluhluwe towards Mtubatuba - Kwamsane.

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