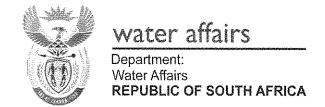
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1820 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA); is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MS BP SONJICA, MP

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1820. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 701 on 27 May 2010, (a) why does her department not provide funds for the Diatom Assessment Protocol (DAP) project and (b) what amount was her department requested to contribute to this project;
- whether her department will reconsider its decision not to provide funds to the project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) My Department could not provide funds to the Diatom assessment Protocol project due to budgetary constraints, following of proper supply chain management procedures and compliance to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) when dealing with unsolicited bids.
- (1)(b) My Department was asked to contribute R300 000 towards this project.
- (2) My Department is always willing to consider projects that are in line with departmental priorities hence the project could be reconsidered subject to 1(a) above. However, my Department will still contribute personnel time and participate in the discussions for further development of the Diatom Assessment Protocol.

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