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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 283 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs D van der Walt (DA); is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MS BIP SONJICA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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283. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether she authorised the building of the Klipwerfdam in the Phalala River in the Limpopo province; if not, (a) why not and (b) who granted permission; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) No, the owner of the dam has not applied for authorisation to build a dam from My Department under both the Water Act, 1956 (Act No. 54 of 1956) and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 108 of 1998), and the dam was therefore illegally constructed. A directive to stop the construction work has been issued to the dam owner. The owner has since appealed to My Department and the matter has been referred to the Water Tribunal.
- (b) Falls away.

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