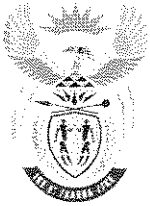


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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1034 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 7/4/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 18/04/2010

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1034

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1034. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether any (a) notice to issue a directive or (b) directive has been issued to Madibeng district municipality in respect of the (i) cessation of water supply to residents and (ii) incidents of pollution from sewerage infrastructure; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether her department will bring a criminal charge against any official in the Madibeng district municipality for dereliction of duty in terms of enforcing provisions of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what was the date of the most recent compliance audit for each of the sewage works in Madibeng municipality to ascertain compliance with the conditions of the respective water use licences?
- (4) whether, in respect of each of the above sewage works in Madibeng municipality, proof was provided at the most recent compliance audit that the disposal of waste is done according to the guidelines prescribed in the addendum, of 2002, of the document TT85/97 published by the Water Research Commission (details furnished); if not, how will this be rectified;
- (5) what (a) were the relevant compliance statistics for each of the above sewage works, measured in the most recent compliance audit against the compliance requirements prescribed by her department and (b) was the Green Drop score for each of the above sewage works?

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REPLY:

(1)(a)

And

(b)(i) No, my Department has not issued a notice or directive to Madibeng Local Municipality (LM) in respect to cessation of water supply. My Department has up to now supported Madibeng LM to resolve a payment dispute with the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

(1)(a)

And

(b)(ii) Yes, my Department has issued the following pre-directives/ directives to the Madibeng LM:

Specific activity	Date issued	Directive or Notice	Section 19(3) and/or 53 of the Act
Brits Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTWs)	21/04/2009	Pre-Directive	Section 53
Brits WWTWs	01/07/2009	Directive	Section 19(3)

- (2) Yes, my Department laid criminal charges against Madibeng LM's Municipal Manager on 7 January 2010 in his capacity as Municipal Manager.
- (3) The compliance audit was conducted as following:
- Brits WWTW: March-April 2009
 - Rietfontein: March-April 2009
 - Lethabile: March-April 2009
 - Mothutlong: March-April 2009
- (4) No proof was provided to confirm that all WWTWs comply with the Water Research Commission's guidelines for the disposal of sludge. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, my Department resorted to legal action by laying a charge against the Madibeng LM's Municipal Manager in order to ensure the turn around of the situation as all efforts to assist and work cooperatively with the municipality failed.
- (5)(a) My Department's Audit Report compiled in March 2009 revealed the following statistics:
- Brits WWTWs: 29%,
 - Rietfontein 50%,
 - Lethabile 75% and
 - Mothutlong 64%.
- (5)(b) Madibeng LM did not participate in the Green Drop Certification Assessment.