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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1367 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA); is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

DRAFT-REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MS B P SONJICA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 1367

<u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 07 MAY 2010</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 12)

1367. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 1034 on 20 April 2010, what is the (a) name and (b) designation of the official in her department who laid a criminal charge against the municipal manager of the Madibeng local municipality;
- (2) what is the (a) case number that was given to her department by the police and (b) name of the police station at which the charge was laid;
- (3) whether an update has been provided to her department on whether the charge will proceed to court; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether, since her reply to the above-mentioned question, any further criminal charges have been laid against any officials in the abovementioned municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) As the matter is still under investigation, it would not be advisable to release this information to avoid jeopardising the investigation process. However, should this information still be required, it can be obtained from the South African Police Services (SAPA) after complying with Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA), Act 2, of 2000.
- (1)(b) See above.
- (2)(a) The case number is Cas 130/01/2010.
- (2)(b) The police station is Brits.
- (3) No update has been received yet. However, once the investigation is finalised by the SAPS, the Director of Public Prosecutions will decide whether the matter will proceed to court.
- (4) No further criminal charges have been laid against any official in the Madibeng Municipality. Since the investigation is still ongoing, no further charges or persons have been identified for criminal action.