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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 142 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 22-04-2010


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 26. 04. 2010

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 142

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142. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Mahlatsi and Mafarafara communities in the Greater Tubatse Municipality have access to sufficient quantity of potable water for the (a) communities and (b) livestock; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has formulated any plans to provide immediate relief to these communities; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what is the nature of the budget allocated by her department to resolve the current situation?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, the Mahlatsi and Mafarafara communities in the Greater Tubatse Municipality have access to sufficient quantity of potable water. The relevant details are as follows:
 - The Mahlatsi community is supplied water through a borehole with a yield of 1.365 l/s and the scheme performance of 28.9 l/c/d. However, there is a challenge of the reticulation system being directly connected to the raising main thereby reducing the pressure which makes it difficult for the water to reach the reservoir.
 - The Mafarafara community is supplied water through two boreholes with a combined yield of 2.74 l/s and the scheme performance of 64.42 l/c/d. The water is pumped from the two boreholes to the raising main, then transported to the village reservoir and thereafter gravitates to the reticulation system.
- (1)(b) The responsibility for provision of water for livestock falls within the ambit of the Department of Agriculture.
- (2)(a) With regards to the Mafarafara community, there are no plans in place as the area has no challenges with water supply. With regards to the Mahlatsi community, my Department has intervened by appointing a contractor to construct a supply line from two boreholes to the reservoir as well a small extension of reticulation to the part of the village which was not reticulated.
- (2)(b) My Department has funded the Mahlatsi project through its operation and maintenance budget.

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