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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1505 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 15/6/10

  
DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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QUESTION NO 1505

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1505. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How many persons are employed to monitor compliance with the (a) required standards of effluent discharged by wastewater treatment works in each region, (b) permit status of each wastewater treatment works and (c) adherence to all permit conditions by each wastewater treatment works;
- (2) whether these monitors adhere to a minimum frequency of compliance monitoring; if not, why not; if so, what is the minimum frequency;
- (3) what protocol is followed in the event of non-compliance with (a) standards and (b) permit conditions?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Refer to **Annexure A** which reflects the number of persons who are amongst other functions responsible to monitor compliance of standards of effluent discharged by wastewater treatment works (WWTWs) in each region.
- (1)(b) Refer to **Annexure A** which reflects the number of persons who are amongst other functions responsible to monitor compliance of permit status of WWTWs.
- (1)(c) Refer to **Annexure A** which reflects the number of persons who are amongst other functions responsible to monitor compliance adherence to all permit conditions by WWTWs.
- (2) The frequency of compliance monitoring is dependent on the conditions of each license and the responsibility of such monitoring remains that of registered user. My Department is performing audit sampling with a purpose determining trends and credibility of compliance monitoring results.
- (3)(a) My Department developed an Enforcement Protocol which stipulates the process to be followed to ensure that all avenues of possible rectification/improvement have been expedited. This would include formal notification of non-compliance, investigation and subsequent engagement on adequacy of municipal rectification plans and issuance of a Directive in terms of Section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998) should unsatisfactory progress be recorded during regulatory monitoring phase. In the event that a municipality fails to adhere to the Directive requirements and deadlines, prosecution would be initiated.

In addition to the above, my Department is developing an action plan that will look at support mechanisms for municipalities whose infrastructure does not comply with standards and do not have technical capacity to address their WWTWs challenges.

- (3)(b) As per paragraph (3)(a) above.

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## ANNEXURE A

## NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE MONITORING AMONGST OTHER FUNCTIONS

Region	(1)(a) Effluent standards	(1)(b) Permit status	(1)(c) Adherence to permit conditions
Eastern Cape	13	10	13
Free State	6	6	6
Gauteng	24	24	24
KwaZulu Natal	12	12	12
Limpopo	9	9	9
Mpumalanga	24	24	24
Northern Cape	4	4	1
North West	19	19	19
Western Cape	17	17	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>