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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1507 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: 31/5/10

  
DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

  
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**1507. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

With reference to her reply to question 1961 on 9 November 2009, (a) when will the national standard for drinking water quality (SANS 241) be revised in order to align it with the 2008 World Health Organisation guidelines and (b) within what period after revision is all drinking water expected to comply with the revised standard?

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**REPLY**

- (a) My Department in collaboration with the South African Bureau of Standards and other stakeholders are reviewing the 2006 SANS 241 and this process started the beginning of 2009. This is earlier than the accepted five year cycle.
- (b) Once published, municipalities are expected to immediately comply with the revised standard.

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