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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2468 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 23/09/2010

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 2468**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 26)**

**2468. Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether any powers and duties have been delegated to the Inkomati Catchment Management Agency in terms of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 (NWA); if not, (a) why not, (b) when will these powers and duties be delegated and (c) how does the agency function without such delegation of powers and duties; if so, (i) what is the extent of the powers and duties delegated to the agency and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

No powers and duties have been delegated as yet to the Inkomati Catchment Management Agency (ICMA), in terms of Schedule 3 of the National Water Act (NWA).

- (a) My Department is finalising the delegation of Schedule 3 of the NWA.
- (b) The process of delegating functions to the ICMA is a consultative one which took longer than was anticipated. I anticipate approving the delegations by no later than the end November 2010.
- (c)(i) The ICMA is currently responsible for initial functions in terms of Section 79 & 80 and Schedule 4 of the NWA, which focus on planning, coordination and public participation as listed below:
- Investigate and advise on water resources management
  - Responsibility for assessment and making recommendations around catchment (allocation and water quality) planning, resource protection and water use, to DWA, water users and stakeholders.
  - Formulate the Catchment Management Strategy and coordinate with local development plans)
  - Developing a first catchment management strategy, including its consultation, as well as participate in other allocation, reconciliation, and water resources (including water quality) planning processes.
  - Coordinate related activities of water users and water management institutions.
  - Engage with local and provincial government, as well as with irrigation boards, water user associations and water services providers (including water boards), to ensure that their activities are in line with the CMA strategic intent.

- Promote the co-ordination of the implementation of Water Services Development Plans
  - The co-ordination of the water services development plans done by the various municipalities in their capacity as water services authorities must be promoted by the CMA as part of the integrated WRM.
  - Promote stakeholder participation in water resources management
  - Taking primary responsibility for consultation and promoting participation of stakeholders in water resources management processes and decision making (including allocation reform, augmentation planning and resource protection initiatives).
- (c)(ii) The ICMA has made a substantial progress in the implementation of the initial functions; they have also met the requirements relating to the submission of their annual business plans and have also submitted a catchment management strategy.

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