



## water affairs

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3024 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)**

DATE: 24/11/2010.

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**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE: 28.11.2010.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3024

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**3024. Mr. M Water (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the contamination of the wetlands in Bonaero Park, Kempton Park (details furnished), which is resulting in birds dying, any tests for pollution have been conducted; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it be done; if so, (i) when were tests conducted and (ii) what were the findings;
- (2) whether any action has been taken against the (a) local authority and (b) local business responsible for polluting the wetlands; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes, tests for pollution have been conducted.
- (1)(a) Falls away.
- (1)(b)(i) My Department conducted the water quality test on the 2 November 2010.
- (1)(b)(ii) The results will to be released end of November 2010.
- (2)(a) Yes, a pre-directive and a directive dated 23 November 2009 and 16 February 2010 were issued respectively to Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (MM) in terms of section 19 (3) of the National Water Act, 1998 ( Act No. 36 of 1998) to cease any source of pollution and remedy the impacted wetland.
- (2)(b) Based on the investigations undertaken by my Department the pollution in Bonaero Park is not associated with any business activity in the area rather sewer overflow from the Ekurhuleni MM pump station, therefore no action was taken against the local business.

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