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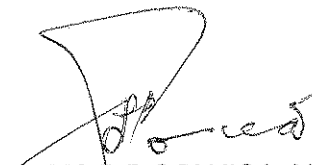
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 64 FOR ORAL 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: 4/3/10

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


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QUESTION NO 64

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

Whether the national water use per capita currently exceeds the national water resource availability, excluding the environmental reserve per capita; if not, why not; if so, when is it expected that this scenario will prevail?

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REPLY:

No, the National Water Resource Strategy (NWRS) indicates that the National Water Resource availability exceeds the Water Use per capita even after the ecological need is included. This is a prevailing scenario.

My Department is continuously investigating options to avail more water to meet ecological growth and social imperatives such as use of return flows, desalination, interbasin transfers and further resource development.

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