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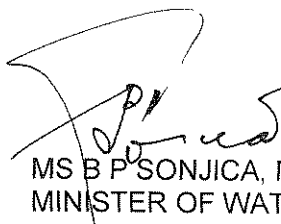
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 965 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: 9/4/10

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
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QUESTION NO 965

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

- (1) Whether she has been informed of any functionality problems at sewage treatment plants in the Ndlambe Municipality; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b)(i) how and (ii) when will the problems be addressed;
- (2) whether the rivers and coastal waters into which sewage treatment works in the Ndlambe Municipality discharge are monitored regularly; if not, why not; if so, what have the results of this monitoring shown;
- (3) whether her department has issued any notices to the Ndlambe Municipality in terms of section 19(3) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, since 1 January 2008; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether, with reference to the regulations for the erection, enlargement, operation and registration of water care works published under No. R.2834 of 27 December 1985, all water care works in the Ndlambe Municipality comply with the minimum requirements with regard to staff (a) complement, (b) educational qualification and (c) experience; if not, (i) which water care works do not comply with the requirements and (ii) what are the details of the noncompliance in each case;
- (5) whether the sewage treatment plants in Ndlambe Municipality are included in the Green Drop report; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the assessment?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, in 2009 my Department was informed of functionality problems at Ndlambe Municipality. Following this knowledge, my Department engaged the Municipality through bilateral meetings to discuss the problems.
- (1)(b)(i) Ndlambe Municipality was prioritised for funding under the Department's Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme and on submission of a business plan was allocated an amount of R 4.2 million during the 2009/10 financial year and R4.78 million for 2010/11 financial year.
- (1)(b)(ii) Currently, the allocated funding is being utilised in refurbishing and addressing the functionality problems.
- (2) No, there is no regular monitoring of the rivers. Three of the four affected wastewater treatment works (WWTWs), namely, Alexandria, Bushmans and Port Alfred Waste are not allowed to discharge their effluent as they are required to irrigate any overflow. With regards to the fourth WWTWs (Kenton on Sea), which discharges treated effluent into Kariega River estuary, an estuary monitoring programme is in a planning stage.

- (3) Yes, my Department has issued a letter of non-compliance to the Ndlambe Municipality on 15 June 2009. This was as a result of spillages at Belityi and Posini raw sewage pumping stations (which is part of the sewer reticulation). The Municipality promptly repaired and rectified the problems.
- (4) Although staffed, none of the water care works in the Ndlambe LM comply with the minimum requirements with regard to staff compliment. The details of the non-compliances are reflected in **Annexure A**
- (5) Yes, the WWTWs was included in the Green Drop assessment, however, the Green Drop Report has not yet been released.

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**ANNEXURE A**

**Summary of WWTW with staff requirements based on Regulatory Requirements (Regulations 2834) as compared to actual staff resourcing:**

WWTW	Responsible Authority	Classes	Staff Capacity Existing: Staff Employed on Works (Supervisor / Process Controller, etc & Qualifications e.g.: class V operator etc)					
			Supervisor Requirement (Regs 2834)	Supervisor: Current Situation (Class)	Supervisor: Current Situation (Employed)	Process Controller Regulatory Requirement (Regs 2834)	Process Controllers: Current Situation (Class)	Process Controllers: Current Situation (Employed)
Alexandria	Ndlambe Local Municipality	E	Class V	Not Classed	1	Class I	Not Classed	0
Bushman	Ndlambe Local Municipality	E	Class V	Not Classed	1	Class I	Not Classed	1
Kenton on Sea	Ndlambe Local Municipality	E	Class V	Not Classed	1	Class I	Not Classed	1
Bathurst	Ndlambe Local Municipality	E	Class V	Not Classed	1	Class I	Not Classed	(1 part time)
Port Alfred	Ndlambe Local Municipality	E	Class V	Not Classed	1	Class I	Not Classed	0
<i>Total Current Employed in Ndlambe - C &amp; NC</i>					2			2