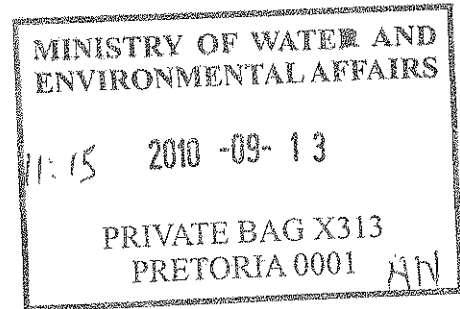




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 332 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC); is attached for your consideration.

Lucy
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: *13/9/10*

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~~DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED~~

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MS B P SONJICA MP
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332. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether she has been informed that the water samples that were at three different sites in Aberdeen on 21 June 2010 fall under Class II of the Chemical Determinant Scale; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what has been done to better the quality of water within this specific area and (b) what is her department's policy on contaminated water near residential areas?

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REPLY:

Yes, I have been informed that some chemical parameters (ie Chloride, Lead, Flouride, Sodium and Iron) that fall within Class II of the SANS 0241:2005. Although Lead falls within Class II, it is below detection levels. I have also been informed that my Department's Regional Office: Eastern Cape advised you of the results in a letter dated 12 August 2010.

- (a) The water services authority has since ensured that chlorination of the water is conducted.
- (b) I would like to state that the water is not contaminated but has elements naturally occurring in the ground water in the area. With regards to any contaminated water, my Department makes use of the Drinking Water Quality Framework for South Africa, December 2005 version. Further, when any water source is found to be contaminated, the water services authority and/or my Department investigate the cause of the contamination and if necessary warn the water consumers while rectifying the incident as well as making alternative water service available to the consumers.

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