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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 498 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 30/11/2010

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 2010-12-1

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QUESTION NO 498

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498. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether, with reference to the 2009-10 Annual Report, her department has served the accounting officer with a final written warning for failing to implement and enforce controls to prevent the occurrence of irregular expenditure arising from non-compliance with procurement processes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW607E

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REPLY:

Ms. Nobubele Ngele, the Deputy Director General: Corporate Services was the Acting Director General when the Annual Report 2009-2010 was prepared and finalised. She was issued with a Notice of Intention to Suspend in terms of Chapter 7 of the Senior Management Service (SMS) Handbook on 27 October 2010 regarding matters related to a Report of the Auditor-General on Allegations of irregular expenditure in my Department.

Subsequently, she was placed on precautionary suspension with full pay on 1 November 2010 pending finalisation of a possible disciplinary process against her.

At this stage no final written warning has been issued with reference to the Annual Report as my Department is in the process of formulating charges for disciplinary purposes in relation to the Auditor-General's report on alleged irregular expenditure.

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