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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1240 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs A Steyn (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS BEE MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 9.5.2011

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### **QUESTION NO 1240**

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## 1240. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether any bulk water infrastructure is being planned for the Muyexe village in Limpopo; if not, why not; if so, (a) what type of infrastructure will be built, (b) when will it be completed and (c) what will it cost;
- (2) Whether the contract for this project was put to tender; if not, why not; if so, to which entity was the tender awarded;
- (3) Whether boreholes were investigated as an alternative source of water for Muyexe village; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the result of the investigation and (b) what would the estimated cost be in this regard;
- Whether she intends opening a gate between the Muyexe village and the Kruger National Park; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### REPLY:

- (1)(a) A bulk pipe line has been planned to augment water from Nandoni Dam to the Nsami Water System to supply the Giyani area including Muyexe Village.
- (1)(b) The project will be completed during May 2012.
- (1)(c) The cost of the pipe line and associated storage and pumping infrastructure is estimated at R217 765 567.58.
- (2) The contract was put on tender by the Mopani District Municipality and a contractor was appointed to implement the project at the cost of R191 022 427.70 (excl VAT).
- (3)(a) Yes, during 2009, the Department's Regional Office: Limpopo conducted a groundwater investigation as an alternative source of water for the Muyexe Village. The study entailed a hydrocensus and a borehole testing programme to determine the availability (quantity) and quality of groundwater in the area. The hydrocensus revealed the existence of 23 boreholes in the area ie 12 which were unusable and 11 which were further tested for water quantity and quality. Out of the 11 boreholes tested, only four were recommended to be equipped.
- (3)(b) Below is the detailed cost of the work conducted:

Work conducted	Costs	****
Testing	R110 000	
Sampling and analysis	R 13 400	2 22 2
Replacement borehole	R 20 000	
Total	R143 000	

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