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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1494 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr I O Davidson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 3/06/2011.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 26.6.2011

It is difficult to understand what the response deals with, in the absence of a full explanatory report attached. These are obviously appointments that started before my arrival. A proper understanding of the whole process will help

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 1494

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 14)

1494. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) How many workers have been employed by (i) Rand Water and (ii) a certain close corporation (name furnished) to carry out work on the *Harties, Metsi a me – My water* remediation programme at the Hartbeespoort Dam on (aa) 1 January 2011 and (bb) 31 May 2011 and (b) how many employment contracts of these workers employed by the close corporation have been terminated since 1 January 2011;
- (2) (a) when was the close corporation first appointed to carry out this work and (b) how much money has Rand Water paid to the close corporation for services rendered since their appointment;
- (3) whether Rand Water has found that the work executed by the close corporation on the remediation project meets the required standard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a)(i)(aa)&(bb) As at 1 January 2011 and 31 May 2011, three Rand Water workers (Programme Manager with part time assistance from a Senior Project Manager and a Water Cycle Manager) were tasked with the responsibility of carrying out work on the Harties, Metsi a me programme.
- (1)(a)(ii)(aa) As at 1 January 2011, 96 workers were in the employment of the close corporation to carry out work on the Harties, Metsi a me programme.
- (1)(a)(ii)(bb) As at 31 May 2011, 80 workers were in the employment of the close corporation to carry out work on the Harties, Metsi a me programme.
- (1)(b) As at 1 January 2011, 31 employment contracts were terminated by the close corporation.
- (2)(a) The close corporation was first appointed in September 2007.
- (2)(b) To date, a total of R23, 060,972.23 excl. VAT has been paid to the close corporation for services rendered which include infrastructure, equipment, operations and maintenance.
- (3) Yes, Rand Water has found that the work executed by the close corporation on the Harties, Metsi a me programme as satisfactory. The close corporation was appointed to conduct biomass management and thus far, in excess of 20 000m³ of algae, 30 000m³ of hyacinth, 1000m³ of debris has been removed from the dam. The removed materials are either recycled, disposed and/ or composted- thus resulting in 860m³ compost being processed and 390m³ vermicast produced.

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