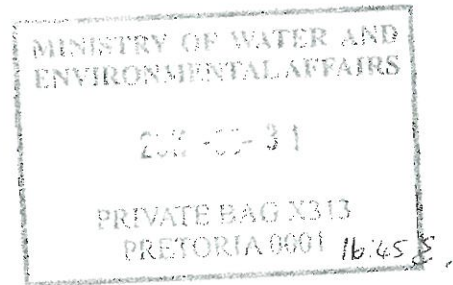




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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1639 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

In response to your question on revenue collections at CMAs: Revenue collection is not delegated to CMAs and is still being done by the Department.

  
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 31/08/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓

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

DATE: 2011/08/31

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1639

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1639. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department is reviewing the number of catchment management agencies; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what are the main challenges facing the established catchment management agencies and (b) when is it envisaged that all catchment management agencies will be fully operational?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the Department is reviewing the number of catchment management agencies. An Institutional Reform and Realignment process has been initiated to review the institutional framework in the water sector to ensure that:
  - roles, responsibilities and accountability of institutions are clearly defined;
  - the number of institutions reporting to the Department are rationalised and their activities aligned;
  - the sector has sufficient institutional capacity to achieve its mandate; and
  - the institutional framework for the sector is simple, clear and pragmatic.
- (2)(a) The main challenges and lessons learnt from established catchments management agencies of the Inkomati and Breede-Overberg catchment management agencies include amongst others
  - Ineffective oversight and regulation of water management due to the fact that roles, responsibilities and accountability of the water management institution are not clearly defined.
  - Ineffective water resource management as a result of insufficient technical capacity available at water management institution to ensure fully operational institutions to achieve its mandate.
  - Unrealistic and complicated institutional framework for water management sectors.
- (2)(b) Currently, no timeline can be provided for when all catchment management agencies will be fully operational. There will be more clarity when the Institutional Reform and Realignment Process has been finalised which will take another 12 months.

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