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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2120 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 26/08/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED <sup>95</sup> ✓

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

DATE: 2011/08/29

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2120

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2120. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the results of the 2011 Green Drop Report as it pertains to the Mkhondo Local Municipality, her department is offering any (a) technical and (b) financial support to this municipality to improve the performance of its wastewater treatment works; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she intends to visit the municipality to examine the performance of these wastewater treatment works; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (3) whether her department has consulted with the Department for Cooperative Governance regarding the state of these wastewater treatment works; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, the Rapid Response Unit (RRU) is assisting the municipality to identify its shortcomings with regards to process optimization requirements of the various wastewater treatment facilities within the area under the jurisdiction of the Mkhondo Local Municipality
- (1)(b) No, the assessments being conducted by the RRU will inform financial requirements and therefore at this stage there are no financial commitments by the Department.
- (2) No, there are no such plans in place at present. When necessary, at any time we will visit the project.
- (3) No, the Department's Mpumalanga Regional office is engaging with the Municipality and is planning to have a follow up meeting with Mkhondo Local Municipality on 31 August 2011 to discuss the action plan to rectify its shortcomings. The Department will engage with sector partners in due course.

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