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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 219 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs D R Tsotetsi (ANC) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 02/11/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO*219

**DATE OF PUBLICATIO IN INTERNATIONAL QUESTION PAPER: 25 OCTOBER 2011
(INTERNATIONAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 34)**

219 Mrs D R Tsotetsi (ANC) to ask Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

(a) What budgetary allocations have been made towards water quality and safety in the 2010-11 financial year at a national and regional level, (b) how much budget was spend in the specified year, (c) what are some of the challenges that have been faced by her department in its implementation of the specified budgetary allocation, (d) how is the national budgetary allocation divided and allocated to regional offices and (e) how was this money spent?

REPLY:

My Department allocated the following budget towards water quality and safety in the 2010 – 2011 financial year:

(a)

Project Name	National Office	Regional Offices	Amount Allocated
Mnwasa Bulk Water Supply	-	Eastern Cape	R 17,602,512
Greater Mbizana Bulk Water Supply	-	Eastern Cape	R 35,863,610
Jagersfontein/ Fauresmith Bulk Water Supply	-	Free State	R 13,280,159
Sterkfontein Bulk Water Supply	-	Free State	R 36,982,936
Edenville Bulk Water Supply	-	Free State	R 3,789,301
Greater Mthonjaneni Bulk Water Supply	-	KwaZulu-Natal	R 4,743,100
Mandlakazi Bulk Water Supply	-	KwaZulu-Natal	R 11,217,027
Greytown Bulk Water Supply	-	KwaZulu-Natal	R 28,571,700
Olifantspoort Water Treatment Works	-	Limpopo	R 50,000,000
Mbombela Water and Sanitation	-	Mpumalanga	R 13,000,000
Kenhardt Bulk Water Supply	-	Northern Cape	R 51,000,000

Tsantsabane Bulk Water Supply	-	Northern Cape	R 15,332,986
Pudimoe Water Treatment Works	-	North West	R 23,813,471
Hartbeespoort Water Treatment Works	-	North West	R 5,000,000
Tulbagh Bulk Water Supply	-	Western Cape	R 8,720,000
Blue Drop	Head Office	-	R 1,941,173
Green Drop	Head Office	-	R 3,497,500
Sol Plaatjie Magareng	-	Northern Cape	R 3,714,000
OR Tambo Cacadu & Chris Hani	-	Eastern Cape	R 18,799,000
Motjabeng, Moqhaka & Ngwathe	-	Free State	R 24,408,000
Msunduzi, Sisonke & Umgungundlovu	-	KwaZulu-Natal	R 16,979,000
Bushbuckridge, Mbombela & Emalahleni	-	Mpumalanga	R 16,449,000
Makhado, Tubatse & Polokwane	-	Limpopo	R 7,428,000
Mogale City		Gauteng	R 4,679,000
Zeerust and Ventersdorp	-	North West	R 5,837,000
Total Allocation			R 422,648,475

(b)

- R 417 209 802 was spent on regions
- R1,148,195.24 was spent on Blue Drop
- R3,092,535.55 was spent on Green Drop

(c)

- Long **procurement** and design process of projects.
- **Contract administration** problems in municipalities.
- Legal action taken (tenders, designs).
- Reluctance of farmers to allow groundwater development.
- Non performing **contractors** and **cash flow** problems.
- Limited **institutional capacity** to manage project.
- Delays caused by **suppliers** (strikes).
- Completed IRS may take **long time** before they are implemented, long delays also caused by **EIA (RoD) and approval of water use licenses**, lack of power supply – **Eskom**.
- WSA reluctant to continue / commit due to **partial funding** or tenders are much higher than estimates.
- Consultants appointed for feasibility studies by WSA are often found to be lacking in ability to execute.

(d)

- Provincial Master Plans have been compiled determining the total bulk water need per municipality.
- The Department use the determined need combined with the water and sanitation backlog and calculate the percentage budget allocation for each province.
- The budget allocation as indicated above per project has been spent through approved procurement procedures.

(e)

- The budget allocation was spent on water infrastructure e.g. concrete reservoirs, water treatment works, pump stations, steel and PVC pipes.
- National Blue and Green Drop Reports were compiled, printed and released by the Minister at the Water Quality Conference.
- The budget allocation was also spent on purchasing the uniform for the Blue and Green Drop Inspectors.
- The budget allocation as indicated above on Blue and Green Drop has been spent through approved procurement procedures via the Implementing agent.

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