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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2204 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: 25/08/11

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 29/08/2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2204

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2204. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (a) Against which municipalities in Limpopo has her department issued a section 19(3) notice in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, since her reply to question 699 on 1 April 2010 and (b) in each case, (i) when was the notice issued, (ii) why was it issued and (iii) what has been the response from the municipality?

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REPLY:

Table 1 below reflects the Limpopo municipalities against whom the Department has issued notices in terms of section 19(3) of National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) since 1 April 2010, the date when the notice was issued, why was it issued and what has been the response from each municipality.

Table 1-Details of notices issued to Limpopo municipalities

No	(a) Municipality	(b)(i) Date issued	(b)(ii) Reason/s	(b)(iii) Response/s
1	Vhembe District Municipality	23/07/2010	The notice was issued for the malfunctioning of the Eltivillas Sewage Pump Station, Kutama-Sinthumule Prison Sewage Pump Station, Makhado Brewery Distribution sewage pump station and the diversion of raw sewage by the Makhado Sewage Works to the Litshovhu River.	The Municipality informed the Department that, the pump stations have been repaired and the contractor has been appointed for the management of the pump stations. The upgrading at the sewage works inlet has been completed and the treatment process is functioning well.
2	Capricorn District Municipality	22/09/2010	The notice was issued for the Helen Frans Oxidation Ponds for the overflow of raw sewage to the environment caused by the blockages of sewer line.	The sewer blockages have since been repaired.
3	Capricorn District Municipality	22/09/2010	The notice was issued for the malfunctioning of the pump station at Soekmekaar and blockages in the sewer line causing overflow of raw sewage to the environment.	The Municipality informed the Department that, the appointed consultants repaired the pump station at Soekmekaar and the pump station is regularly maintained.
4	Aganang Local Municipality	22/09/2010	The notice was issued for the overflow of raw sewage from the septic tank within the municipality yard.	The Municipality informed the Department that, the septic tank has been upgraded and is now operating well.

No	(a) Municipality	(b)(i) Date issued	(b)(ii) Reason/s	(b)(iii) Response/s
5	Polokwane Local Municipality	1/11/2010	The notice was issued for the discharge of partially treated sewage effluent containing significant sludge into the Sand River.	The Municipality has attended to the problem. A new wastewater treatment plant has been commissioned to alleviate the current overloading.
6	Mogalakwena Local Municipality	14/01/2011	The notice was issued for the overflow of raw sewage from the Masehlaneng Oxidation Ponds to the environment and Rooslot River.	The Municipality responded by preventing the overflow as a remedial action.

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