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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3119 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Ms L D Mazibuko (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 21/10/11

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/11/02

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 3119

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3119. Ms L D Mazibuko (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether the Vogel Vlei irrigation scheme has been established in terms of an Act of Parliament; if so, (a) which Act, (b) on what date (i) was the scheme initially published in the *Government Gazette* and (ii) did it come into existence, (c) what is the (i) name and (ii) designation of the departmental official who keeps the founding documents of this irrigation scheme and (d) what is the current status of the scheme?

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REPLY:

- (a) The Vogel Vlei Water Control Area (near Gouda in the Western Cape) was established in terms of the Irrigation and Conservation of Water Act, 1912 (Act 8 of 1912), and / or Irrigation Amendment Act, 1934 (Act 46 of 1934).
- (b)(i) The Vogel Vlei Dam Government Water Control Area was first gazetted on 6 June 1947, Proclamation number 131.
- (b)(ii) The Vogel Vlei Government Water Work was completed in 1952.
- (c)(i)
and
- (c)(ii) There is no official in the Department who keeps the founding document of this irrigation scheme, as all founding documents are kept at the Government National Archives.
- (d) Presently, the scheme is known as the Berg River (Voëlvlei Dam) Government Water Scheme, supplying water for agricultural use to the Lower Berg River Irrigation Board and water for domestic and industrial purposes to the City of Cape Town and other towns in the West Coast District Municipal area. The Lower Berg River Irrigation Board was established in terms of the Water Act, 1956 (Act 54 of 1956) and is still functional. The board is still in the process of transforming to a Water User Association.

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