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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3256 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr D A Kganare (Cope) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 02/11/11

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ^{as}

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

DATE: 20/11/03

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3256

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3256. Mr D A Kganare (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) For how long has Sedibeng Water been without a properly constituted board and
(b) why;
- (2) whether she has been informed that the chief executive officer of Bloem Water is also the chairperson of the board of Sedibeng Water; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Sedibeng Water has been without a properly constituted Board since 2 February, 2010.
- (1)(b) The former Minister dismissed the Board following a report by a task team that she had appointed to investigate allegations of mismanagement at Sedibeng Water. This team had concluded that Sedibeng Water did not consult adequately with its stakeholders when making crucial decisions as required by legislation resulting in the alienation of its client base. One of the Board Members reported the matter of his termination of the Board membership to the Public Protector where the case was delayed. The Public Protector wrote to me and requested that the appointment of the new board must not go ahead before she concludes this matter. This request came albeit the term of office of the former board members having expired; meaning that even if the former Minister had not terminated their membership their term of office had expired. I intend to appoint a new board in due course.
- (2) The Chief Executive Officer of Bloem Water is not the Chairperson of the Board of Sedibeng Water. However, I am aware that the Acting Chairperson of the Board of Bloem Water is also the Acting Chairperson of the Board of Sedibeng Water in a care-taker capacity.
- (3) Falls away.

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