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## MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3333 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question by Mr L Ramatlakane (Cope) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 21/11/2011.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2011/11/22

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

## **QUESTION NO. 3333**

# <u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 28 OCTOBER 2011</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 35)

# 3333. Mr L Ramatlakane (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- Whether there has been a change of scope with regard to the construction of the Gariep Dam in the Free State; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what is the financial implication in this regard, (b) how many persons are currently employed through this project and (c) what is the (i) age, (ii) gender and (iii) nationality of the employees of this project;
- (2) whether the construction of this dam will meet the deadline; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### REPLY:

- There has been no change in scope with regard to the construction of the Gariep Dam. The Gariep Dam was constructed and officially opened by the State President in 1972. It has subsequently functioned in an operational phase to stabilise flows in the Orange River, generate hydro-electric power and supply water at higher assurance levels to users downstream and the Eastern Cape as supplied via the Orange-Fish Tunnel.
- (1)(a) Refer to (1) above.
- (1)(b) Refer to (1) above.
- (1)(c) Refer to (1) above.
- (2) Falls away.

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