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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1056 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M H Steele (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 20/04/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓

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

DATE: 9.5.2011

Enrol, amend urgently, read the amended version back to me telephonically and for final approval and send off.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 1056

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1056. Mr M H Steele (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With regard to the challenges reported (details furnished) by the accounting officer for the Water Trading Entity and the qualified audit by the Auditor-General (details furnished), as stated in her department's 2009-10 annual report, (a) what steps will her department take with regard to the future (i) existence, (ii) management and (iii) oversight of this entity and (b) what are the specified (i) costs and (ii) benefits in each case;
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW1174E

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Department has embarked on the process to turn around the Water Trading Entity (WTE) with the view to turn around the current situation to an ideal and acceptable level of operations and accounting and in addition, a decision has been taken to appoint a separate CFO as a secondment in order to assist with the challenges faced by the unit. In the meantime the unit has developed action plans based on the risks identified by the Auditor-General. Working hand in hand with the officials from the Office of the Auditor-General, the plan is currently being implemented and closely monitored with the feedback been provided on a weekly basis to the Chief Director: Financial Management within the WTE unit.
- (1)(b) The cost has not been quantified as yet. We are continuously analyzing costs which will be finalized through support of the individual to take over the function of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- (2) Progress will be reported from time to time.

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