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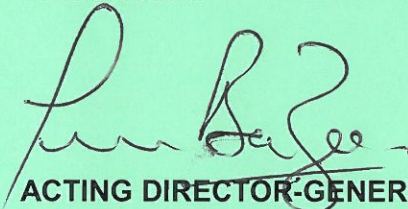
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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2201 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 31/08/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 2011/08/31

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QUESTION NO 2201

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**2201. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether her department has allocated any funding under the current Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for an augmentation scheme to supply water to Steytlerville within the Baviaans Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape; if not, when does she intend to make funding available; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department is in discussion with the said municipality about the proposed augmentation scheme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has been informed that there are no further opportunities for the expansion of the existing borehole system from which most of Steytlerville's water comes; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) No, the Department did not allocate any funding under the current Medium Term Expenditure Framework for an augmentation scheme to supply water to Steytlerville area within the Baviaans Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province. The project is part of a prioritisation process to consider funding for project planning in the 2012/13 financial year. The prioritisation should be concluded by the end of November 2011.
- (2) Yes, the Department is in discussion with the Baviaans Local Municipality about the proposed augmentation scheme. The Department has since invited the Municipality to attend a Water Services Planning Forum to be held on 15 September 2011 at East London in the Eastern Cape Province, where necessary inputs will be provided and discussion on the project prioritisation will take place between the Department, the Municipality and other role players in the Eastern Cape Province.
- (3) Yes, it has been indicated on the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Programme registration form that the borehole system currently supplying Steytlerville area is under pressure. The establishment of a new / additional source is one of the first steps in the project process which will be considered in collaboration with the Municipality and the Directorate: National Water Resources Planning of the Department.

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