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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2247 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: 2/09/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 03/09/2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2247

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**2247. Mr D A Kganare (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the criminal charges that is being faced by the chief executive officer (CEO) of Bloem Water in relation to his previous position as municipal manager; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether she will request the board of directors of Bloem Water to furnish reasons why she was not informed of such charges; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the board of directors of Bloem Water was informed of these criminal charges at the time of the CEO's appointment; if so, what are the relevant details
- (4) whether she intends to take any action against the (a) board of directors and (b) CEO; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what action in each case?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The former Minister was informed of the criminal charges laid against the current Chief Executive Officer of Bloem Water. The charges relate to the alleged contravention of section 19 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 when the current CEO of Bloem Water was the Municipal Manager of the Matjhabeng Municipality. It is alleged that as an Accounting Officer for the Municipality he was negligent with regard to the prevention of the spillage of partially treated or untreated wastewater into the public stream. He was charged in his personal capacity as the Accounting Officer for the Municipality. He has appeared twice in court and the case has been postponed to January 2012.
- (2) No, reasons for not informing me will not be requested from the Board of Directors of Bloem Water, since as a board, they were not aware of the charges at the time.
- (3) No, the Board of Directors were not informed of the criminal charges at the time of the CEO's appointment.
- (4)(a) No, action will not be taken against the Board of Directors as this actions does not deem fit for action to be taken against them.
- (4)(b) No, action will not be taken against the CEO, until the court case has been finalised.

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