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QUESTION NO 3118

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**3118. Ms L D Mazibuko (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether the Voëlvlei Dam in the Western Cape has audited financial statements; if not, why not; if so, where can a copy of these statements be obtained;
- (2) whether accurate records are kept on the (a) end-users that receive water from this dam and (b) amounts of water they receive; if not, why not, in each case; if so, where can these records be accessed;
- (3) whether she has been informed of any litigation against her department concerning contested ownership of the land on which the dam is built or the surrounding land; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details, (b) is the status of such litigation and (c) was her department's response to this litigation?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Voelvrei Dam does not have its own audited financial statements because it is part of the Department's Water Trading Entity infrastructure asset, as a result, any expenditure and revenue generated from this dam is accounted for through the Department's Water Trading Entity financial statement.
- (2)(a) Yes. Accurate records are available on the end-users that receive water from this dam. However, the financial system of the Department is structured in such a way that each and every dam is a cost centre as well as a profit centre. This system enables the Department to apportion expenditure appropriately as well as realise revenue generated from the infrastructure.
- (2)(b) Yes. Accurate records are available on the amount of water that end-users receive because all water users per dam are measured according to the water pricing strategy of 2007 and information thereof can be accessed from our operational offices.
- (3)(a) I have not yet been briefed about any litigation against my department concerning the contested ownership of land on which the dam is built or any surroundings thereof. Land claims matters are fully dealt with by the Department of Land and Rural Development. I have subsequently instructed my department to give me a full briefing or comments on the matter.
- (3)(b) As soon as I am fully briefed on the matter I shall be able to decide any action needed on the status of such litigation.
- (3)(c) My Department's response to such litigation would be guided by the information that I would receive from the internal briefing but also noting that Land and Rural Development Department is the only Government Department that has to deal with such matters.

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