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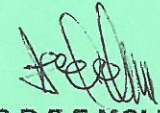
A draft reply to the above question by Mr G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE: 25/11/2011.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓

as Amend and send it to Parliament


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

DATE: 20/11/2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3235

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3235. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 2064 on 30 August 2011, when will the compliance monitoring and enforcement unit be fully functional in each of the other regional offices of the Department of Water;
- (2) (a) why have fully functional compliance monitoring and enforcement units not been established thus far in each of these specified regional offices and (b) what is the intended purpose of the Department of Water to have fully functional compliance monitoring and enforcement units in each of the regional offices? NW3848E

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REPLY:

- (1) As indicated the response to question 2064, the Department conducted a Recruitment Drive process and a number of technical positions including those related to the Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) were filled as part of the process. So far out of the 95 post mentioned in question 2064, only six (6) posts have been filled. However, there remain challenges with candidates who meet all the Occupational Specific Dispensation (OSD) requirements. The Department plans to have the CME adequately staffed by 2012/13 financial year.
- (2)(a) The Department has historically centralised the CME function and the initial approach was to assist facilities and industries to obtain water use authorisations and also to achieve compliance with the National Water Act, 1998, (Act No. 36 of 1998). The Department has since prioritised the regulation function and the decentralisation of this function is being implemented.
- (2)(b) The Department intends to have fully functional CME units throughout the country to enable it to be more effective in its regulatory function and improve water resource management across spheres of government. Further, due to the transgressions in terms of the National Water Act, 1998, (Act No. 36 of 1998), the Department is mindful of the need to have qualified and competent technical people to monitor the nation's water resource thus to ensure compliance to the provisions of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).

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