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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 349 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs J F Terblanche (DA); is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 4/08/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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QUESTION NO 349

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349. Mrs J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether any directives have been issued against Dipaleseng Municipality for transgressing the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (a) why was the directive issued, (b) what are the terms of the directive and (c) what has been the response of the municipality to the directive at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, a directive was issued on 24 February 2011 against the Dipaleseng Municipality for transgressing section 19 of National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
- (1)(a) The Dipaleseng Municipality failed to provide the Department with an action plan on how they will address specific issues around pollution emanating from their wastewater treatment works in the short, medium and long term, including specific timeframes on each action.
- (1)(b) The terms of the directive required the Dipaleseng Municipality to:
- Immediately implement measures to mitigate and prevent the occurrence of pollution incidents;
 - Discharge treated wastewater that meets the General Standards of the Department; and
 - Submit a detailed action plan to the Department to turn around the situation of non-compliance.
- (1)(c) The Department has afforded the Dipaleseng Municipality the opportunity to respond to the directive within seven days from the receipt date of the directive, which is 3 March 2011. At the time of responding to this parliamentary question, there had been not feedback from the Dipaleseng Municipality

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