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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3851 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question by Mr I O Davidson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 28/11/2011


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 20/11/2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO. 3851

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3851. Mr I O Davidson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether she will reply to (a) all outstanding parliamentary questions and (b) the points contained in each question before parliamentary questions lapse in accordance with Rule 316 of the National Assembly; if not, in each specified case, (i) why not and (ii) which questions, by its allocated number, will not be replied to; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether it is the policy of her Ministry that she submit to the mechanism of parliamentary questions as a measure of constitutional accountability to the National Assembly; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4642E

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, all parliamentary questions will be replied to.
- (1)(b) Yes, all the points contained in each question will be replied to except those that await research from provinces.
- (2) Yes, it is not only the policy of my Ministry to submit to Parliamentary prescripts but section 92 of the Constitution stipulates that Members of the Cabinet are accountable to Parliament for the exercise of their powers and performance of their functions. The mechanism of putting parliamentary questions to the Executive is therefore one of the ways in which Parliament holds the Executive to account.

It should be noted that we needed this time used to respond to this particular question to finalise all other substantive outstanding responses.

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