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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 442 FOR WRITTEN REPLY


A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M J Ellis (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 25/08/2011

*Response has been revised.
to incorporate your comments.*

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 25.03.2011

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QUESTION NO 442

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442. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether there have been any reported leakages from pump stations that are part of the sewerage infrastructure in the Metsimaholo Local Municipality since 1 January 2010; if so, what action has been taken to rectify the situation;
- (2) whether the municipality is taking any action to improve the maintenance and refurbishment of the sewerage infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any (a) pre-notice of compliance, (b) notices of compliance and (c) directives have been issued against the Metsimaholo Local Municipality for any transgressions in terms of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) since 1 January 2010; if not, why not; if so, (i) why were these actions taken by her department and (ii) what was the response of the municipality in each case?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, there has been a leakage reported on 17 January 2011 at Welgelegen Pump Station in Sasolburg, which is part of Metsimaholo Local Municipality. The Department undertook a site inspection together with the Metsimaholo Local Municipality on 18 January 2011 and the leakage has since been attended to.
- (2) Yes, the Metsimaholo Local Municipality has appointed the Millennium Pump Company to conduct regular maintenance of the sewerage infrastructure on the Welgelegen Pump Station in Sasolburg. The Metsimaholo Local Municipality have reported that 70% of the refurbishment has been completed.
- (3)(a)
and
(3)(b) Yes, a notice of intention to issue a directive has been issued in terms of section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) to the Metsimaholo Local Municipality on 6 December 2010 for non compliance of the local sewage treatment works. On 13 December 2010, the Metsimaholo Local Municipality made a representation to the Department indicating that a contractor has been appointed. However, due to further non-compliance [as indicated in (1) above], the Department has subsequently issued a directive for failing to maintain the pump stations
- (3)(c)(i) Yes, a directive in terms of section 19(3) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) was issued on 25 March 2011 against the Metsimaholo Local Municipality.
- (3)(c)(ii) Falls away.

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