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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 648 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mrs S P Kopane (DA); is attached for your consideration.

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ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 25/03/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE:

dd: 25/03/2011

*Please clarify to me telephonically urgently.
* Trompsburg and Reddersburg were upgraded and completed in Sept 2010 and Feb 2011 respectively as per our response in 2c and 3c.
Under 3 of this question, when asked whether any FURTHER pre-notices directed etc were given, we say yes pre-notices were issued in March 2010. Were these FURTHER pre-notices or just pre-notices*

Send off so that we are not delayed but let's talk to clarify the understanding above

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 648

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648. Mrs S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What is the current level of functionality of the Springfontein waste water treatment works in the Kopanong Municipality;
- (2) whether progress is being made in the rehabilitation of the (a) Jagersfontein, (b) Phillipolis, (c) Reddersburg, (d) Trompsburg, (e) Edenburg and (f) Springfontein waste water treatment works; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (3) whether any further (a) pre-notice, (b) directives or (c) criminal charges for transgressions of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998, have been brought against the Kopanong Municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) After receiving a complaint from the Springfontein Rate Payers Association about the condition of the Springfontein Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW), the Department investigated the matter and subsequently ensured that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) was signed between Bloem Water and the Kopanong Local Municipality (the Municipality) thus enabling Bloem Water to take over the management of the WWTWs.
- (2)(a) The upgrading of the Jagersfontein WWTW was completed on July 2010.
- (2)(b) The Phillipolis WWTW has been registered by the Municipality as a Municipal Infrastructure Grant project amounting to R 1 758 630.00. Thus far, the Municipality has commenced with designs and tender documentations.
- (2)(c) The upgrade of the Reddersburg WWTW was completed in September 2010.
- (2)(d) The Trompsburg WWTW was completed and commissioned on February 2011.
- (2)(e) The Edenburg WWTW was upgraded and rehabilitated in March 2010 and the oxidation ponds were cleaned and lined out with concrete.
- (2)(f) The upgrading in Springfontein WWTW was completed in April 2008 and all ponds were rehabilitated and lined out.
- (3)(a) Pre-notice has been issued to the Municipality in March 2010 for the overflowing of raw sewage from the Trompsburg and Reddersburg WWTWs. The Municipality acknowledged receipt of the notice but failed to provide an action plan indicating how the sewage overflow would be addressed.

- (3)(b) No directives have been issued to the Municipality. However, the rehabilitation work has commenced at Redderburg and Trompsburg WWTWs.
- (3)(c) No criminal offence has been laid against the Municipality as the rehabilitation of the Redderburg and Trompsburg WWTWs has commenced.

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