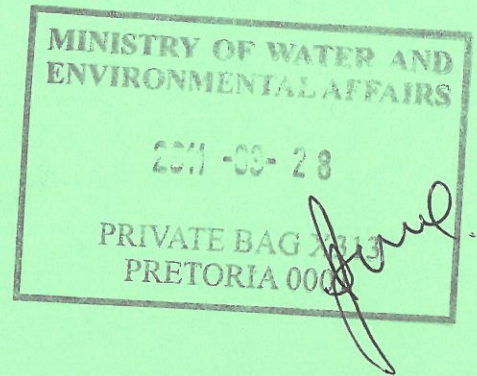




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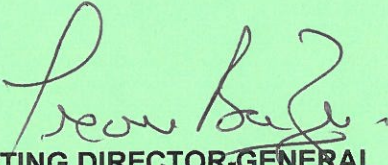


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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 685 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr H C van Schalkwyk (DA) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 25/03/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

DATE: 30.3.2011

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685. Dr H C van Schalkwyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether there have been any recent cases of pollution at the Rustenburg waste water treatment works (WWTW) or from sewerage infrastructure leading to or from this WWTW; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether any (a) pre-notices, (b) directives or (c) criminal charges have been brought against the Rustenburg Local Municipality for transgressions in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the current (a) risk assessment of each of the WWTWs in the Rustenburg local municipality and (b) state of the sedimentation dams in each of these WWTWs;
- (4) whether her department is currently assisting in the rehabilitation of any of the WWTWs in this municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the Department has recently received complaints regarding spillages from sewerage infrastructure leading to the Rustenburg Industrial Site (along the Northam Road). Subsequent to such complaints, the Department conducted an inspection on 3 March 2011 and noted that the spillage has been attended to; however, there was still a minor leakage. The Rustenburg Local Municipality was instructed to attend to the leakage as well as to rehabilitate the affected area.
- (2) No, the Department did not issue any pre-notices, directives or laid criminal charges against the Rustenburg Local Municipality. The Rustenburg Local Municipality has a water use license for the WWTW which was issued in June 2010 and the Department monitors compliance into their license conditions.
- (3)(a) The risk assessment of each of the WWTW was conducted on 1 and 2 November 2010 as part of the Department's annual Green Drop Assessment. The Department is awaiting the Green Drop Assessment Report which will be published by July 2011.
- (3)(b) The Department does not currently have information available on the state of sedimentation dams in the Rustenburg area. However, the information will be contained in the 2011 Green Drop Assessment Report.
- (4) No. No funds were set aside by the Department for rehabilitating WWTW in the Rustenburg Local Municipality.

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