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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 142 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS BEE MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 9.5.2011

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

#### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO 142**

### <u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 18 MARCH 2011</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 8)

#### 142. Mr O de Beer (COPE-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether there is a secure water supply in the Clanwilliam (a) region and (b) Dam; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- whether her department will take any steps to ensure that the town is adequately supplied with water; if not, why not; if so, what steps? CW180E

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#### REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, the Clanwilliam Dam supplies domestic water to the town of Clanwilliam, industrial water to Namaqua Sands and to more than 11 000 ha of irrigated land with water from a network of canals and by pumping water released from the dam directly from the river. The town has an allocation from the Clanwilliam Dam which is abstracted from a canal. I have approved the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam by 13 meters which will secure more water for the region
- (b) The Clanwilliam Dam has an assured yield of 133 million cubic meters per annum. Irrigation supply from Clanwilliam Dam is currently somewhat below the norms advisable for the type of crops farmed in the area. The dam rising will make an additional 70 million cubic meters per year of water available which will improve the supply to irrigation, the town and industry.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the Water Service Authority (in this case the Local Municipality) to ensure that the town has an adequate domestic water supply. If the town needs more water the Local Municipality must apply to the Department for a license to abstract more water from the dam or canal



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