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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 159 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 9/05/11

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159. Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department will investigate the (a) claims of sewage flowing into the Mooikloof dam in Pretoria-East and (b) inability of the Kungwini Local Municipality to effectively address this issue; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) Upon receipt of a complaint regarding sewer spillage in the Mooikloof area, the Department investigated the matter on 11 March 2011 and noted raw sewage overflowing from a local pump station. The Department subsequently engaged the Kungwini Local Municipality and learnt that there is currently a dispute regarding the ownership and maintenance of the pump station. Thus far, there is no signed agreement between the Municipality and the Developer of the Mooikloofridge Estate regarding the maintenance of the infrastructure as the Municipality is currently waiting for the Developer to attend to specification related issues of the pump station. In the meantime, the Mooikloofridge Estate has rectified the situation pending the Department's facilitation process for clarifying the resolutions of roles and responsibilities between the Municipality and the Developer.
- (b) Falls away.

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