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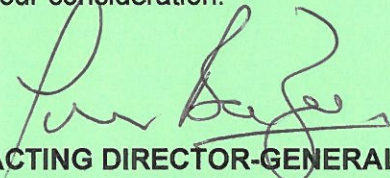
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★33 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 7/03/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED^{as}/AMENDED


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

DATE: 21/4/2011

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★33

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★33. Mr D D Gamede (ANC-KZN) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with regard to the giving of grants by her department for the provision of water to district municipalities, like in the uThungulu Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal, this approach is sustainable; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether this project offers value for money since most municipalities such as (a) Nkandla, (b) Ntambanana, (c) Mthonjeni, (d) Umlazi and (e) Mbonambi do not have access to water; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has any alternative plans in place to ensure that communities in these rural areas have access to water; if not, why not; if so, what (a) plans and (b) are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Grant funding for the infrastructure backlog is managed by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and paid directly to the uThungulu District Municipality (DM) by the National Treasury. The infrastructure backlog is systematically eradicated from the funding received, concentrating of the areas of greatest need first. The current funding is inadequate to meet the Government objective of providing services to all the people as it will take longer; therefore, the National Treasury is being approached by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government, supported by the Department, to increase the funding to eradicate the backlog totally by 2014.
- (2) The Water and Sanitation Programme offers value for money, since the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation to the uThungulu District Municipality reduces the backlog for water and sanitation. The Department has a dedicated Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) in place to ensure the sustainable bulk provision of water supply. The uThungulu DM has been allocated R250 million over a five-year period for the provision of bulk water supply for the Mtonjaneni, Umlalazi, Nkandla and Ntambanana Local Municipalities. The uThungulu DM will be considered to receive further allocations to service the Mbonambi Local Municipality (LM) under the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) Programme in the 11/12 and 12/13 financial years should the funding becomes available.
 - (2)(a) Nkandla will benefit directly from seven regional water supply schemes funded under the MIG Programme to a value of R21 million over the next three years and from a dedicated regional bulk scheme being sourced from the current year funding to the Thukela-Mhlathuze transfer pipeline with a contribution of R30 million by the Department.
 - (2)(b) Six water supply schemes funded under the MIG Programme to a value of R8 million will be built in Ntambanana in the next three years.

- (2)(c) Mtonjaneni will have a further two water supply schemes funded under the MIG Programme to a value of R5 million in three years' time.
- (2)(d) Umlalazi will benefit directly from seven water supply schemes funded under the MIG Programme to a value of R12 million over the next three years. These three municipalities i.e. the Ntambanana, Mthonjeni, Mthonjeni, will also benefit from the Greater Mtonjaneni Regional Bulk Scheme which is currently being built in phases and funded by the Department and being supplied with water from the Goedertrouw.
- (2)(e) Mbonambi will have ten additional water schemes funded under the MIG Programme to a value of R30 million. Future regional bulk water supply from the Mhlathuze City bulk lines will render sustainability of supply to this area.
- (3)(a) Service delivery plans are covered under the RBIG for long-term sustainability. However, rudimentary schemes are in place to ensure water supply at a Reconstruction and Development Programme level. In instances where there is no access to water, a dedicated water tankering programme is run by the uThungulu DM to serve those in need. Future initiatives by the uThungulu DM include a dedicated rainwater harvesting programme. The Department has contributed 140 rainwater harvesting tanks, spring protection projects and boreholes for the Mbongolwane Project in Mlalazi for food security as part of the Resource Poor Farmer Assistance Programme.
- (3)(b) The pilot phase of the Rural Development Project in Nkandla is supported by the provision of irrigation water tanks and an irrigation connection and pipeline from the Thukela-Mhlathuze transfer pipeline valued at R250 000.

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