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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 362 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question by Mr A Watson (DA-Mpumalanga) is attached for your consideration.

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ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE: 9/09/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/^{as}AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/09/13

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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QUESTION NO 362

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362. Mr A Watson (DA-Mpumalanga) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with regard to the supply of potable water to the Vaalbank/Libangeni Community of the Dr J S Moroka Municipality in Mpumalanga (details furnished), any progress has been made with the installation of a water treatment and reticulation plant to utilise water from the adjacent Mkombo dam; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has any plans to supply sustainable potable water to communities in order to replace the current system of supply by tanker vehicles; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans, (b) what is the annual cost of (i) tanker transport sub-contractors and (ii) installation and maintenance of water tanks and (c) what is the total loss of water in terms of the current system?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, there has been progress made in order to improve the reticulation of potable water in the Vaalbank/Libangeni area of the Dr JS Moroka Municipality to eradicate the water backlogs. In total, eight technical reports for projects relating to the reticulation and yard connections have been approved for the Municipal Infrastructure Grant funding. Regarding the installation of the wastewater treatment work, the Department has appointed Rand Water to conduct feasibility study to expand the wastewater treatment work for future demand.
- (2)(a) The responsibility of the provision of water supply lies with the municipalities as Water Services Authorities, while the Department provides support to enable municipalities to implement their mandate. In the case of Dr JS Moroka Municipality. An amount of R245 399 584.20 has been approved for the Municipal Infrastructure Grant funding for eight technical reports relating to the reticulation and yard connections in the Dr JS Moroka Municipality.
- (2)(b)(i) The water supply challenges to the Vaalbank/Libangeni area rises only during September until the first week of the rainy season (October). The Dr JS Moroka Municipality does not use tanker transport sub-contractors, rather supplies the Vaalbank/Libangeni area with its own water tanker at a running cost of R48 000.00 per month.
- (2)(b)(ii) The Dr JS Moroka Municipality has since purchased three 5000 litres of Jojo tankers at a cost of R15 000.00 which have been installed in the Vaalbank/Libangeni area in order to replace the system of water supply by tanker vehicles.
- (2)(c) Currently, the Vaalbank/Libangeni area has 40% water losses.

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