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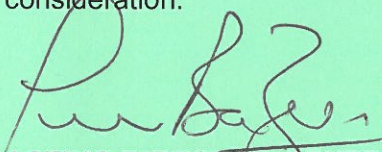
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 339 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question by Ms B V Mncube (ANC-Gauteng) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 2/09/2011


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 339

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339. Ms B V Mncube (ANC-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether the Government has considered any water demand management initiatives for Gauteng (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW398E

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REPLY:

Yes, as part of the Department's Vaal River System Reconciliation Strategy, a comprehensive assessment had been undertaken of potential savings that could realistically be achieved through the implementation of water conservation and/or water demand management measures by local government. Each of the metropolitan and local municipalities was assessed. Based on these assessments, individual water savings targets (mainly related to water loss reduction) were set for each of the metropolitan and local municipalities. These individual targets amount to 15% of the total municipal water use.

The saving of 15% has to be achieved to ensure adequate supplies from available resources until the next Vaal River System Water Augmentation Project (Lesotho Highlands Phase 2) is implemented in 2020. The targets have been communicated through the Gauteng Provincial Government to both metropolitan and local municipalities at political, official and technical levels. The metropolitan municipalities and one of the largest municipality's, where the bulk of the savings could be achieved, are reporting biannually on their progress. Progress has been made through a range of interventions, but these have to be intensified and sustained by local government, through the prioritisation of funding, to prevent shortages of water supply to the economic hub of the country.

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