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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2779 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr N D du Toit (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 23/18/12

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS BEE MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2012/10/24

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### **QUESTION NO 2779**

# <u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 12 OCTOBER 2012</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 32)

## 2779. Mr N D du Toit (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, at any time since 1 July 2012, any gates leading into the property around Voëlvlei Dam have been in disrepair; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, (a) when did each gate first enter into a state of disrepair, (b) what steps have been taken to fix the gate and (c) what is its current status as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what is the (a) name and (b) designation of the person responsible for the maintenance of these gates at the dam;
- (3) whether her department reported any problems with getting gates fixed immediately; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3428E

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#### REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, the gate leading to the property around the Voëlvlei Dam is currently in disrepair. The remote control and battery pack of the electric motor to the main access gate of the Voëlvlei Dam broke down during July 2012.
- (1)(b) The repair of the broken electric motor and battery pack was reported and placed on the maintenance program for the scheme.
- (1)(c) The proper supply chain procedures are being followed to do the necessary maintenance. Currently, the gate is manually opened and closed when required.
- (2) The Chief Water Control Officer at the Voëlvlei Dam (details furnished).
- (3) The officials of the Department are required to follow the requisite maintenance procedures, which was done and explained above.

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