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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 110 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mrs J F Terblanche (DA) is attached for your consideration.

M. Sibanyane

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: *23/02/2012*

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

if the facts below have been established (if found factual, send through)

Water - Please phone the police station and verify facts independently i.e given the sentence circled in the answer

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

DATE: *20/02/2012*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 110

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110. Mrs J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that an employee of the Department of Water at Voëlvlei Dam (name furnished) has been arrested in January 2012 for possession of illegal firearms, among other things; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department intends to conduct its own investigation of the said person; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has suspended the said person after his arrest; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, I have not been informed that an employee of the Department has been arrested in January 2012 for possession of illegal firearms; however officials of the Department investigated the matter and found it to be untrue.

The Department was informed on 11 January 2012 that a member of the public reported a case of illegal firearm possession against one of the Department's official who is stationed at the Voëlvlei Dam with the Tulbagh South African Police Services (SAPS) case number MAS 129/1/12. The SAPS investigated the matter and found that the allegations were unfounded. The fire-arm in question was given in to the SAPS by this official, on behalf of another person, to be disposed of. The employee was not arrested.

- (2) The Department has conducted its own investigation about the allegations against the official. The allegations were found to be untrue and the Branch Commander of the Tulbagh SAPS confirmed this.
- (3) No. This employee will not be suspended because the allegations were found to be untrue.

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