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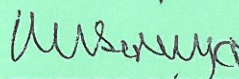
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**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1119 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 08/05/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED<sup>as</sup>/AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/205/10

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 1119**

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**1119. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 2184 on 20 October 2010, any progress has been made in getting all water service authorities to report annually on the implementation of the relevant water services development plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

The Department has established a dedicated programme to oversee, monitor and support Water Services Development Planning at Local Government level. During the previous financial year the programme supported 105 Water Services Authorities to improve the quality of their Water Services Development Plans. A water services development plan tracking system monitors the status of the options and supports this process. Extensive support is also provided to ensure Water Services Development Plans and Integrated Development Plans. The Department is also actively involved in the assessment of all Integrated Development Plans.

We have developed a guideline that supports the Water Services Authority to report on progress with respect to the implementation of their Development Plan. We are aware, through the tracking system that 145 Water Services Development Plans (out of the 168 required) were submitted and are in different stages of completion.

Together, with all the guideline documents and the dedicated support programme, the Department, has also successfully implemented a Council Awareness Raising campaign. But despite all these efforts, there are still very few Water Services Authorities that do not comply with Water Services Development Plan requirements. We will continue to provide support and are committed towards refocusing our efforts to support Local Government through innovative programmes and processes.

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