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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 118 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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QUESTION NO 118

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118. Mr N J J van R Koornhof (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department has made an assessment of the environmental damage caused by the recent floods in the (a) associated private nature reserves and (b) areas adjacent to the Kruger National Park in January 2012; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what assistance does her department intend to offer in this regard? NW127E

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REPLY:

No, my two Departments do not execute assessments of environmental damage caused by floods. However, they participate in provincial Joint Operations Committees (JOCs) to ensure support where and when necessary. This mainly entails damaged infrastructure of both the departments as well as private institutions and/or individuals.

In the case of the recent floods the Department of Water Affairs actively participated in the provincial JOCs which are a mandate of the Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) which champions the Disaster Management Committee in Mpumalanga Province.

During the Mpumalanga JOC meetings, feedback on environmental damage was only given on soil erosion in the flood affected areas. Apart from the above, no additional environmental reports were submitted to the Mpumalanga JOC regarding any other damages caused and thus no further intervention were initiated/necessitated.

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