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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1192 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: 18/05/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 20/05/2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1192

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 11 MAY 2012
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 12)

1192. Mr N D du Toit (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether she has been informed that a water pipe which transports water into the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality has had a significant break over the past two months resulting in water leaking at the point where the pipe crosses the Maitland River mouth; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether she will investigate the situation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any steps are being taken to rectify the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Although the Department had not been informed about the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's (NMBM) water pipeline leakage, on receipt of this parliamentary question, the matter was urgently investigated.

The Department has since been advised by the NMBM that the water pipeline which was leaking due to corrosiveness was since repaired on 11 May 2012. Regrettably, the delays in the repairing of the pipeline were due to the fact that special pieces of the pipe had to be made before the repairs could be carried out.

It should be noted that the option to shut off the water pipeline (to avoid further leakage) could not be explored as such would have resulted in most communities without access to water as the pipeline is one of the main bulk water supply pipelines to the NMBM.

- (2) Falls away.
- (3) Falls away.

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