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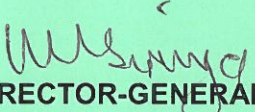


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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1334 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 21/05/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED ✓


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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1334

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1334. Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:†

- (1) Whether she intends to put the Taung Dam in Northern Cape to better use; if not, why not; if so, how;
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW1579E

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department is using the Taung Dam, which is in the North West Province, to supply water to the settlements in the Naledi Local Municipality (LM) and Greater Taung LM within the Dr Ruth Sepati Mompoti District Municipality (DM). It is the main water source for the Taung/Naledi Bulk Water Supply project being implemented through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Programme. The details and the status of the project intended to put the Taung Dam to a better use are summarised below:

The refurbishment of Phase 1 (Pudimoe Water Treatment Works (WTW)) has been completed during the 2011/12 financial year and handed over to the Dr Ruth Sepati Mompoti DM.

A total of two contracts on Phase 2A (New module Pudimoe WTW), and 12 contracts on Phase 2B (Reservoirs, water pipelines and pump stations) are currently in progress. The construction of Phase 2A and 2B is anticipated to be completed by July 2012 and May 2013 respectively. The construction of Phase 2C and 2D is anticipated to be completed by April 2013 and March 2014 respectively.

The completion of all Phases will lend further support to the Phase 1 in terms of the available potable water being produced and put into the current bulk supply systems for the communities that fall under the Naledi LM and Greater Taung LM.

The Phase 2E which is the bulk surface water supply to the South East villages currently supplied by ground water, and Phase 2F which covers the refurbishment of the current 8 megalitre per day of the Pudimoe WTW are the future phases.

2. Yes, I did make a statement in my Budget speech on 16 May 2012 to this effect. I quote "As far as *Unlocking the economic opportunities of the North West Province is concerned, Taung, including the surrounding villages in the Greater Taung and Naledi Local Municipalities, are experiencing water supply shortages, hence we have commenced with the implementation to augment the bulk water supply mostly for domestic water usage. The Taung dam is being used to address the bulk water supply and a total of approximately 186 000 households will be served with water. The project started during the 2009/10 financial year and several phases have already been completed. The budget allocation over the MTEF period is R358 million.*"

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