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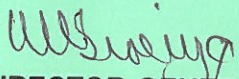
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1528 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 2010/06/20/12

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

as and discussed with COO


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

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1528. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

With reference to her reply to question 467 on 19 May 2012, (a) which municipalities contain the majority of the estimated 25% of people who have access to a tap, but do not have an acceptable level of service and (b) what steps are being taken to turn around the situation to ensure reliable water services?

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REPLY:

- (a) A total of 94.7% of the population of the Republic of South Africa have access to water supply leaving a backlog of 5.3%. A significant portion of the this 5.3% do not have access to any reliable water supply: 2% are still reliant on raw water sources while 3.3% do have access to water services infrastructure but are below RDP standards. This effectively means that 98% (94.7% and 3.3% as indicated above) of the population have access to water services infrastructure.

Most of the population without access to water supply, according to surveys and analysis performed by Statistics SA in partnership with the Department, are mainly from rural communities situated in the provinces of KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, and Eastern Cape and are located within the 23 priority District Municipalities.

- (b) The Department is currently developing, in consultation with the Department of Co-operative Governance, a strategy and an action plan to provide all communities without access to water supply, with an interim but safe and reliable water supply by June 2013. In addition to the focus on the 23 priority District Municipalities the Department will also focus on the high priority areas where communities are protesting regarding poor service delivery.

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