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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1703 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr M Swart (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 17/07/2012

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1703

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1703. Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

With reference to her reply to question 3669 on 13 December 2011, what progress has her department made with the issuing of water licences to the George Municipality for (a) the extraction of water from the Malgas River and (b) raising the spillway at the Garden Route Dam?

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REPLY:

As indicated in reply to question 3669 on 13 December 2011, the issuance of Malgas River and Garden Route Dam water use licenses was dependent on the issuance of a positive Record of Decision from the Department of Environmental Affairs and the determination of the Outeniqua Reserve by the Department of Water Affairs.

A positive Record of Decision for Malgas River and Garden Route Dam was issued on 24 November 2009 and 16 March 2012 respectively and the Outeniqua Reserves was determined on 28 June 2012.

In view of the above, the Department has commenced with the process of reviewing the water use license application for the George Local Municipality's and anticipate to finalise the matter by no later than 30 September 2012.

The final processing of the water use license applications by the Department's Western Cape regional office should be concluded by end of July 2012, upon which it would be interrogated at a Regional Water Use Authorisation, Assessment and Advisory Committee for recommendation by the Regional Head.

Upon recommended by the Regional Head, it would be presented to a further Departmental Committee and on their recommendation the final licences will be prepared for signature of the delegated authority of the Department.

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