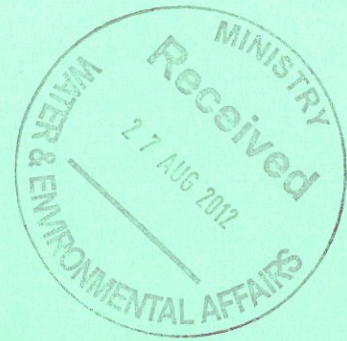




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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 238 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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★238. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) What percentage of the population has access to a basic water supply and (b) when is it envisaged that universal access to basic water will be achieved;
- (2) whether there are any concerns about the reliability of access to an acceptable level of water service at the local government sphere; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2742E

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) 94.7% of people have access to a basic water supply.
- (1)(b) The current target for universal access to basic water supply is 2014. Efforts are being taken to ensure that all people will be provided with an interim level of supply by 2014.
- (2) There are concerns about reliability of water services within Local Government based on the surveys and analysis performed by Statistics SA in partnership with the Department. Approximately 27% of rural water schemes are not operating optimally. There is a targeted and concerted effort in the identified 24 District Municipalities, to ensure improvement in service quality.

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