



## water affairs

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 242 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mrs N W A Michael (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 27/02/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~ ✓

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

DATE: 2012/02/09

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 242

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242. Mrs N W A Michael (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) How much drought assistance has been given to the Joe Gqabi District Municipality by the Department of Water Affairs since 1 January 2010 and (b) how have the allocated funds been used;
- (2) whether the use of the funds has been audited to ensure fiscal responsibility and the achievement of desired outcomes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the funding has resulted in any sustainable water provision solutions to any towns in the district municipality; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether water carting provided by the drought assistance programme always relied on sourcing water from safe chlorinated sources; if not, how was this justified; if so, how was this conclusion reached?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a)(b) A total amount of R25, 752 054 was allocated to the Joe Gqabi District Municipality (DM) since 1 January 2010 to date. The table 1 below shows the amount allocated to the Joe Gqabi DM, date paid and how have the allocated funds been used.

**Table 1**

No	Amount	Date paid	Purpose
1	R833 000	24/02/2010	Protection of 17 springs in the Elundi LM
2	R11, 204,311	25/03/2010	Emergency water supply through water carting.
3	R213 743	20/04/2010	Drilling borehole, equipping and connection to existing network in Mount Fletcher Town
4	R1, 100, 000	7/06/2011	Development and implementation of education awareness and communication strategy and in particular to educate top 20% of water consumers so that they can reduce their demand and voluntarily pay 100% of their water and sanitation bills every month.
5	R12 401 000	7/06/2011	Refurbishment of Oviston, Sterkspruit and Barkly East WWTWs.

- (2) Yes, the Department was audited by the external and internal auditors during the period of 29 August 2011 to 2 September 2011 regarding those funds allocated to the Joe Gqabi DM and the findings indicated that such funds were spent as planned.

- (3) The funding has yielded significant impact which resulted in the Mount Fletcher having interim water supply. All the wards in the Elundini Local Municipality benefited in terms of spring protections. Water carting was done to most of the towns that were facing drought on the Joe Gqabi DM.
- (4) Yes, water carting provided by the drought assistance programme always relied on sourcing water from safe chlorinated sources. The water was received from the Joe Gqabi Water Treatment Plant.

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