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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2788 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr J J van der Linde (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

as amended
DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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QUESTION NO 2788

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2788. Mr J J van der Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the proposed pipeline that Rand Water intends building through various properties along Modderfontein Road, an environmental impact assessment has been conducted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether an environmental authorisation has been granted or is being sought; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any alternative routes for the pipeline have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she intends conducting any public participation process on the proposed pipeline; if not, how can this be justified; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) when is it expected that the project will (a) commence and (b) be completed?

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REPLY:

- (1) An Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed on the H39 pipeline.
- (2) An Environmental Authorisation has been granted by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).
- (3) Alternative routes for the pipeline were considered, however, Rand Water will utilise current servitudes and where these are not sufficiently wide enough for the pipeline, additional land will be acquired.
- (4) Public participation was undertaken in line with legal requirements. Site notices were put up and all adjacent landowners were given notices from 19 January 2012. An advert was also placed in the Star newspaper on the 2 February 2012. The Public Participation Process (PPP) lasted for 40 days. Twenty four (24) Interested and Affected Parties (IAP) registered their queries. Comments were addressed from February until March to accommodate late submissions. The final document was sent out again for review by IAP's for fourteen (14) days prior to final submission. The Basic Assessment report, on consultation was submitted to GDARD and authorisation was received on the 27 August 2012.
- (5) It is anticipated that this project will commence latest in August 2013, with completion planned for 2016.

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