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Water Affairs
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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 3096 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms M R Shinn (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

Ms Nosipho Ngcaba
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 3096

INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 38NW3925E

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Ms M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her departments are currently subscribed to *The New Age* (TNA) newspaper; if so, (a) how many subscriptions do her departments have, (b) when was each subscription initiated, (c) what has been the annual subscription fee for each specified subscription since it was initiated and (d) what is the exact purpose of each subscription;
- (2) whether a discount was negotiated for any of the specified subscriptions; if so, (a) for which specified subscriptions and (b) what discount in each case;
- (3) whether her departments have mass-purchased the TNA on an *ad hoc* basis since the inception of the newspaper; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) how many copies in each case and (c) why were the papers purchased in each case;
- (4) whether (a) the publishers of the TNA and (b) any other entity donated copies of the paper to (i) her departments and (ii) any entity reporting to her; if so, in each case, (aa) which entity donated the papers, (bb) to which entity were they donated and (cc) how many copies were donated?

Ms M R Shinn (DA)

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3096. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

- (1) Yes, as part of the Department's Communications Strategy, the Department of Water Affairs subscribes to *The New Age* (TNA) newspaper as well as other titles like The Star, Pretoria News, Sowetan, Business Day, Mail and Guardian, Sunday Times, City Press and the Sunday Independent
- (a) One of each titles mentioned above;
 - (b) From March 2012 – August 2012 and from June 2012 – November 2012;
 - (c) The details and amounts covered are reflected in relevant Annual Reports;
 - (d) The department's daily media monitoring covers the full ambit of all newspapers, hence TNA was added.
- (2) The department did not negotiate any discounts.
- (a) Not applicable
 - (b) Not applicable
- (3) No, the department has not mass-purchased any from the above titles on an ad hoc basis.
- (a) Not applicable
 - (b) Not applicable
 - (c) Not applicable
 - (d) Not applicable
- (4) (a) (Not applicable
- (ii) Not applicable
- (b) No
 - (aa) Not applicable
 - (bb) Not applicable
 - (cc) Not applicable

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