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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3235 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs M Wenger (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 30/11/2012

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 2012/11/30

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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3235. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How many applications for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA), Act 2 of 2000, were received by the (a) Department of Water Affairs, (b) Water Research Commission and (c) Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority since 1 December 2011;
- (2) (a) on what date was each specified application received, (b) on what date did (i) the Department of Water Affairs and (ii) each specified entity notify the applicant of the outcome in each case and (c) how many applicants did not receive the outcomes after the 30-day response period had expired;
- (3) whether any applicants took action through the courts in order to access information with regard to any application for which (a) the Department of Water Affairs or (b) any of the specified entities declined to provide (i) all or (ii) part of the requested information; if so, (aa) how many applicants in each case and (bb) what are the further relevant details in each case;
- (4) for each of the specified entities reporting to her, what is the (a) name, (b) e-mail address and (c) contact number of each of the PAIA information officers as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Department of Water Affairs (DWA) has received 8 (eight) applications since 1 December 2011.
- (1)(b) Water Research Commission (WRC) - no applications were received by the WRC.
- (1)(c) The Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) has received 1 (one) application since 1 December 2011.

(2) **Refer to table below.**

| Department/Entity | (2)(a) Application | (2)(b)(i) Date received | (2)(b)(ii) Notification Date | (2)(c) Outcomes after the 30-days response |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Department of Water Affairs (DWA) | D003 | 11 July 2012 | 26 October 2012. | Seven (7) Applications did not receive responses within 30 days |
| | D10632 | 15 May 2012 | Receiving attention | |
| | D10598 | 15 August 2012 | 6 July 2012 | |
| | D10599 | 15 August 2012 | 2 October 2012. | |
| | D10642 | 17 May 2012 | 29 October 2012 | |
| | D11059 | 24 July 2012 | Receiving attention | |
| | D1034 | 17 July 2012 | Receiving attention | |
| Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA) | D10633 | 24 July 2012 | Receiving attention | One 1 (1) Application did not receive responses within 30 days. |
| | 1 Application received by TCTA | 30 August 2012 | Receiving attention | |

(3)(a) The Department:

The Applicant (Surface Preparations Equipment and Coating (Pty) Limited) took the Department to court in terms of the Promotion to Access to Information Act, 2000 for copies of all tenders received by the Department in response to the invitation for tenders for Mechanical and Electrical Asset Management Support of Major Plant and Machinery for the Eastern Cape Region- Southern Operations.

The application for access to information was later withdrawn by agreement between the parties after the Department provided the applicant with all information relating to this matter. The agreement was subsequently made an order of the court and confirmed by both parties.

(3)(b) TCTA:

The TCTA was requested by the applicant to furnish the requester with a copy of the agreement between the TCTA and Central Rand Gold pertaining to water pumps to be used to abstract acid mine water from the Central Basin. The TCTA declined to furnish a copy of the agreement as it was still subject to negotiation and had not been finalised at that time.

(4) Refer to Table below:

| Department/Entity | (4)(a) Name | (4)(b) Email Address | (4)(c) Contacts |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| Department of Water Affairs | Mr Maxwell Sirenya | SirenyaM@dwa.gov.za | 012- 336 6696 |
| | Mr Anil Singh | SinghA3@dwa.gov.za | 012- 336 7531 |
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| | Ms Reshmili Lutchman | reshmili@wrc.org.za paia@wrc.org.za | 012-330 9033 /0340 |
| TCTA | Mr James Ndlovu | indlovu@tcta.co.za | 012-6831200 |
| | Mr Yugen Moodley | ymoodley@tcta.co.za | 012-6831200 |

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