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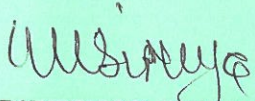
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3332 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 30/11/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~ ✓


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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2012/11/30

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3332

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3332. Ms M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What (a) have been the achievements of the partnership between the Department of Water Affairs and the Water Resources Group since the Declaration of Partnership was signed and (b) are the expected outcomes of the partnership in 2013;
- (2) whether the Department of Water Affairs has issued any (a) notices, (b) directives or (c) criminal charges during the period 1 January 2011 up to the latest specified date for which information is available against any members of the Water Resources Group operating within South Africa; if not, in each case, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Partnership process allows for effective collaboration between the public and private sector and is a unique response to the water scarcity challenge in South Africa as it allows the private sector to support the public sector in its mandate of managing South African water resources. In the year since the establishment of the Partnership, the initiative has established working groups working in three focus areas, namely:
 - Water Efficiency and Leakage Reduction;
 - Agriculture and Supply Chain; and
 - Water Effluent and Waste Water Management.

The working groups have packaged projects and raised financing to take them forward. Projects have been selected for replicability with a view to mobilising wider support for similar initiatives and broadening the impact of the initiatives.
- (1)(b) The expected outcomes for the Partnership during 2013 will be covered in a Strategic Plan for 2013/14 which is currently being finalised by the Partnership. It would be premature to provide any details until the Plan has been finalised and adopted.
- (2) The Department has not issued any notices, directives or criminal charges against any of the partners of the Water Resources Group.

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