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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 385 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) is attached for your consideration.

M. Molewa

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 08/03/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

See my comment written on the 1st page of question 385 asked by Mr G G Hill-Lewis.

[Signature]

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

DATE: 2012.03.11.

See note from Minister on "old" Q3112.

*Approved as amended on 11/03/2012.
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 385

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385. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 3112 on 12 December 2011, she has been informed that the cattle at Voëvlei dam were removed on 30 January 2012; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she intends to investigate whether Mr J Barnes was indeed the owner of the cattle, considering that the cattle were not removed by Mr J Barnes but by another party; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW472E

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department investigated the matter further during December 2011. The agreement reached between the Department and the official Mr J Barnes is that he will either decrease the amount of cattle on the land to the agreed number or get rid of all the cattle in the given time. The cattle were indeed removed on 30 January 2012 as agreed by with the official.
- (2) Yes, I am in the process of investigating this matter directly from my office in order to get to the bottom of the occurrences in this area.

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