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★471. Mr J J Skosana (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What sector-wide approaches and requisite institutional capacity are currently available to effect the democratisation of water management as the needed key driver of the National Water Resource Strategy 2;
- (2) (a) how will current initiatives and programmes be incorporated to give substance to the specified key driver and (b) how will this impact on (i) work across sectors and (ii) costs?

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REPLY:

- (1) Appropriate institutional arrangements are indeed critical to ensure effective water resources management. The successful implementation of the National Water Resource Strategy 2 (NWRS2) depends on effective, well resourced institutions with a strong regulatory framework and oversight function.

The cornerstone of the approach towards both the Integrated Catchment Management and the progressive decentralisation of water resources management are the Catchment Management Agencies and Catchment Management Forums, with the required demographic representation. Some Catchment Management Forums are already established and functioning. They will be strengthened to play a central role in the coordination of the implementation of the NWRS2.

Strategic Management Forums are also in place for all key metropolitan areas as part of the implementation of the Reconciliation Strategies for these areas.

- (2)(a) Civil participation programmes such as the River Health and the Adopt a River Programmes are useful to generate and maintain an awareness of the importance of strengthening the collective and participative approach to water resources management.
- (2)(b)(i) A number of training and skills development programmes are being implemented and planned to address the shortfalls in skilled human resources for the water sector.
- (2)(b)(ii) Detailed costs will be determined once the implementation plans for the NWRS2 will be finalized after revision of the current draft NWRS2 as currently being discussed with the public. Existing programs will be adjusted and re-prioritized to align them with the NWRS2 and to be accommodated within the fiscal framework.

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