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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 561 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr E H Eloff (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 15/03/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

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561. Mr E H Eloff (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her departments have internal audit units; if not, why not, in each case; if so, (a) how many staff members are employed in the units and (b) what (i) is the structure and (ii) are the functions of the units;
- (2) whether the audit committee considers the internal audit reports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she holds meetings to discuss (a) the internal reports and (b) their findings with the audit unit; if not, why not, in each case; if so, (i) on what dates since she took office has each specified meeting taken place and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Department has an internal audit unit, which has 40 positions of which 33 are filled.

The functions of the units are tabulated below.

NO.	(1)(b)(i) The structure (Organisational Level)	(1)(b)(ii) Functions of the units
1.	Chief Directorate: Internal Audit (level 14)	Assumes the role of Chief Audit Executive by providing a strategic direction to Internal Audit activity of the Department. Internal Auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance process.
2.	Directorate: Compliance and performance audit (Level 13)	Develop and implement a Departmental risk based audit plan which includes assessments and performance audit engagement. Conduct assurance and performance audits.
3.	Directorate: Information Technology Audit (Level 13)	Develop and implement the Department's ICT audit plans. Conduct audit on general control and applications controls. Also perform data analysis.
4.	Directorate: Forensic investigations and quality (Level 13)	Conduct Forensic audit services within the Department. Develop and implement Department's fraud prevention and anti-corruption strategy. Promotes fraud awareness campaigns. Develop and implement quality assurance programmes within internal audit.

- (2) Yes, the Audit Committee considers the Internal Audit reports during the quarterly Audit Committee Meetings.
- (3)(a) Yes, Executive Committee Meetings are held to discuss among other things internal audit reports and their findings.
- (3)(b)(i) The most recent meeting was held on 6 February 2012.
- (3)(b)(ii) Various internal audit reports have been discussed.

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