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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 57 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr. G R Morgan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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★57. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether a feasibility study into the building of the Umzimvubu Dam in the Eastern Cape has been concluded; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) when is the construction of the dam expected to (i) commence and (ii) be concluded and (b) what is the projected cost of the project?

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REPLY:

- (1) We are mindful of the fact that a few years ago, there were some detailed feasibility studies and business plans done for the Umzimvubu Dam. The Department of Water Affairs should and will only update the existing studies and not start the whole process afresh. The objective is to align the old to the new developments and also bring into the fold the changed prices, circumstances and close any existing gap.
- (2)(a)(i) It is anticipated that construction will commence at the earliest during the 2013/14 financial year.
- (2)(a)(ii) Construction is expected to be completed around the 2016/17 financial year.
- (2)(b) The preliminary cost estimates for the project is R20 billion. This cost estimate includes the cost of a dam and additional infrastructure required, such as irrigation development, hydropower plant and bulk distribution infrastructure. An accurate assessment will be done as part of the feasibility study presently being undertaken.

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