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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 742 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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

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742. Ms A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether any officials from (a) her departments and (b) any entities reporting to her were on an official visit to Bloemfontein in (i) December 2011 and (ii) January 2012; if so, in each case, what (aa) is the (aaa) name and (bbb) position of the specified official, (bb) was the (aaa) purpose and (bbb) date of such visit and (cc) was the cost of (aaa) transport, (bbb) accommodation and (ccc) other expenses?

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REPLY:

- (a) Yes, officials from both my Departments, as well as one entity, South African Weather Service (SAWS) were on official trips to Bloemfontein. It must be noted that I have Regional Offices in Bloemfontein and one of my other entities, Bloem Water has its head quarters there.

It must also be borne in mind that the costs of such trips are reflected on my Departments' annual audited reports.

- On 1-2 December 2011, eight officials from the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) attended a compulsory Massified Course.
- On 3 December 2011, three officials from DWA attended an International Disability Day.
- On 6-9 December 2011, thirteen officials from DWA attended a Corporate Services Forum Meeting in Bloemfontein.
- Between the 5th -8th of January 2012, six officials from DWA attended a Water Problems Meeting at Bloem Water and at Mangaung Metropolitan Council.
- On 15-21 January 2012, as well as on 29 January to 03 February 2012, four officials from DWA respectively attended the Blue Water Services Course and a Pollution & Rehabilitation Course.
- On 24, 25, and 31 January 2012, four officials from DWA separately attended a Rain Water Harvesting Meeting, as panel member for interview purposes, a Metsi Bophelo Borehole Project Meeting and a Water Problems Meeting.
- On 13, 17, 20, 22, and 23 January 2012, three officials from South African Weather Services (SAWS) attended a Preparations for the Certification Body Surveillance Audit.
- Finally, on 30 January 2012 to 03 February 2012 one official from the Department of Environmental Affairs attended a Project Data Verification.

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