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## MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 775 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr J J van der Linde (DA) is attached for your consideration.

*W. Swinyer*

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 23/03/2012

*Urgent response needed*

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

*Errol, I do not what question 242 under I was saying.*

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

DATE: 25/03/2012

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*Errol  
Hold on until we discuss when I panel in JHB (2012/03/26)*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 775

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775. Mr J J van der Linde (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 242 on 2 March 2012, all the drilled boreholes have been fitted with pumps; if so, what are the relevant details; if not, what will be done in this regard;
- (2) why is the funding for the refurbishment of the Oviston Sterkspruit Barkley wastewater treatment works allocated under drought assistance?  
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REPLY:

- (1) No, the boreholes have not been fitted with pumps as the funding allocated to the drilling project undertaken at Elundini Local Municipality (LM) encompassed only the testing of boreholes as part of a groundwater source development project as well as the Ncembu spring weir evaluation. The main aim of the testing component was to evaluate the water quality and the long-term abstraction rate of the drilled boreholes to be used as groundwater sources for the existing water supply schemes.
- (2) In addition to the National Treasury's drought assistance funding, the Department allocated additional funding for the refurbishment of the Oviston, Sterkspruit and Barkly East Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTWs) from the Department's *Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP)*, a rapid intervention programme aimed at accelerating the achievement of universal access to water and sanitation services by 2014 with a focus on community infrastructure; water conservation and demand management; as well as wastewater infrastructure and refurbishment.

In line with the ACIP objectives stated above, the Sterkspruit WWTW refurbishment is aimed at treating the effluent to a discharge standard which may ensure that the treated effluent can be re-used by downstream users while in the case of the Barkly East WWTW, the treated effluent may be used for irrigation of a nearby golf course and lucerne fields thus reducing the Elundini LM use of clean water or abstracting from the Langkloof River for irrigation purposes.

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