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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 91 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 24/02/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 20/02/2012

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 91

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**91. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether there have been deviations by the operators of the King Shaka airport from the Record of Decision that accompanied the environmental authorisation; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the water usage of the (a) airport and (b) Dube Tradeport agrizone is within the expectations of the Record of Decision; if not, what are the relevant details; if so, how was this conclusion reached;
- (3) whether the water usage of the (a) airport and (b) Dube Tradeport agrizone is placing any pressure on competing water usage in the area; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details? NW100E

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**REPLY:**

- (1) *The DEA Responded.*
- (2) *The DEA Responded.*
- (3)(a) The water usage by the King Shaka Airport is a very small portion of the overall supply and therefore cannot be considered to be placing pressure on competing water users in the area. The King Shaka Airport is supplied water from the eThekweni Coastal Metropolitan water supply system which stretches from Pietermaritzburg to the coast, and from KwaDukuza in the North to Scottburgh in the South. A study to reconcile the water demands with the available supply for this area was finalised by the Department of Water Affairs in 2009. A strategy has been developed to identify, prioritise and confirm the essential interventions necessary to meet the water requirements of the area for the next 25 years. The area has experienced rapid growth and various demand and supply side interventions are being implemented to ensure there is sufficient water.
- (3)(b) The agrizone in the Dube Tradeport area is also using limited ground water that falls within the General Authorization levels of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) and cannot be considered to be placing pressure on competing water users in the area.

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