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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 94 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Dr L L Bosman (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 21/02/2012 ^

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED *removed an attachment*

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 94

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94. **Dr L L Bosman (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (a) Who has ownership of sediments in the Leeukraal Dam and (b) how can a person or entity obtain permission to make use of sediments in the dam?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The Leeukraal Dam is a Government Water Works and the sediments thus belong to the state.
- (b) The Department will have to advertise the opportunity in an open bid procedure or alternatively the applicant will have to follow the unsolicited proposal procedure as prescribed by the National Treasury to obtain the right to the sediments. Multiple authorisations including a Water Use License for altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a water works from the Department of Water Affairs; a mining license from the Department of Mineral Resources for exploiting mineral resources; and an Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs for the listed activities triggered which include working within 22m of a water course will be required before mining of the sediments commences.

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