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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 202 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above by Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 11/05/12

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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QUESTION NO. 202

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202. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether any plans are in place to construct a water pipeline from Ficksburg to Clocolan in the Free State; if not, why not; if so, what (a) plans and (b) are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

There is an existing water pipeline from the Meulspruit Dam in Ficksburg to the Clocolan town. Such water pipeline was constructed using Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funding and completed during the 2004/2005 and 2008/2009 financial years. However, the Setsoto Local Municipality (the Municipality) is also currently busy with the construction of a water pipeline from Clocolan to Marquard using MIG funding. The construction of this new water pipeline commenced during the 2008/2009 financial year and it is anticipated to be completed by end of June 2012.

In addition, during the 2010/11 financial year, the Department conducted an investigation of the bulk water supply for the Municipality's four towns namely; Ficksburg, Clocolan, Marquard and Senekal and recommended that, the following be implemented by the Municipality through the Department's Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant:

- construction of a 160mm diameter by 13 km long pipeline from Marquard to Sparta Beef;
- increasing the raw water storage to supply all the towns; and
- the groundwater exploration for Ficksburg, Clocolan and Marquard towns (which has since been conducted by end of the 2011/12 financial year) and this is intended to augment the current and future supply so that we utilise our ground water effectively and efficiently.

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