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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 316 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 03/07/2012

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 2012/07/07

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 316

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316. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department has received any applications to build residential and/or leisure developments near the Vanderkloof Dam in the Karoo; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the water mark will be reduced considering that it is currently beyond the level of the dam; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW417E

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department has not received any applications to build residential and/or leisure developments near the Vanderkloof Dam.
- (2) The current level of the Vanderkloof Dam is well below the high flood level and indeed even below the full supply level with the dam currently at 89.48% on 22 June 2012; the estimated high flood level of the Vanderkloof Dam cannot be reduced.

It should be noted that the estimated high flood level should be maintained to ensure the safety of the public and infrastructure in cases when flood conditions are experienced in the Orange River.

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