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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 341 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 08/08/2017

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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QUESTION NO 341

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

- (a) How may Irrigation Boards have (i) been transformed and (ii) not been transformed into Water User Association (WUAs) in each province, (b) what is the location of each of the Irrigation Boards that have (i) been transformed and (ii) not been transformed, (c) what are the duties and functions of (i) those represented on the WUAs and (ii) Irrigation Boards and (d) what processes are being followed when such members are elected?

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REPLY:

- (a) The current status of the process of transformation of Irrigation Boards into Water User Association is reflected in the table below. There are 93 Irrigation Boards already transformed into Water User Associations and 185 not transformed yet.

Province	(a)(i) Irrigation Boards transformed	(a)(ii) Irrigation Boards not transformed
Limpopo	2	1
Mpumalanga	4	15
North West	0	20
Gauteng	0	4
Free State	5	5
Eastern Cape	17	14
Western Cape	47	84
Northern Cape	4	24
KwaZulu-Natal	14	18
TOTAL	93	185

- (b) The table above indicates the provincial location of each of the Irrigation Boards that have been transformed and those not transformed. This process of transformation of the Irrigation Boards started only two years ago. As their transformation is done, a full audit is also being conducted to determine if there is none that we may have missed out and also finding their exact location. It should be noted that these Boards were established in 1956. The Department is further updating and finalising the database of existing irrigation boards and WUAs areas of operation. This operation will be completed within the next three months.
- (c) The functions, roles and responsibilities of the Management Committee (as governing body), are prescribed in Schedule 4 of the National Water Act (Act No 36 of 1998) (section 94)(2). The Management Committee is responsible to the Minister and its members for the manner in which it executes its functions (S95 and item 33 of Schedule 4). The main responsibilities of the management committee are planning (Schedule 4, part 4), monitoring and intervention (Schedule 4, part 5), and reporting (Schedule 4, part 6).
- (d) The process that is followed for the election of the management committee is prescribed in Schedule 5 item 12, 14 and 15 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998.)

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