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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★47 FOR ORAL REPLY

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

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DATE: 10/05/12

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

Needs further amendments.

dd: 28/05/2012

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

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★47

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

- (1) Whether her department is assisting municipalities which are experiencing difficulties to maintain waste water treatment plants; if not, why not; if so, what (a) assistance is being provided to increase the capacity and (b) are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether her department extends any financial assistance to municipalities to address the treatment of waste water; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes. The Department is assisting municipalities which are experiencing difficulties to maintain waste water treatment plants.
 - (a) The Green Drop Certification programme provides the municipality staff at both operational and management level sufficient information to ensure effective risk-based management of waste water treatment systems. This is done through a process of consultative auditing where inspectors verify performance levels but also provide guidance where shortcomings are identified.
 - (b) The Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP) provided assistance to the value of R221million over the last financial year while the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) provided further assistance to the value of R113, 735,507.
- (2) Yes. The Department extends financial assistance to municipalities to address the treatment of waste water. As stated above, the ACIP and RBIG provided financial assistance with regards to upgrades and refurbishment. However, the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), managed by the Department of Cooperative Governance, remains the primary source for financial assistance to municipalities. For the financial year 11/12, the ACIP allocated R117million for the refurbishment of waste water treatment works.

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