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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1714 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs M Wenger (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 27/08/2013


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


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

DATE: 20/08/2013

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1714

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1714. Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (a) How many positions are currently vacant in (i) her departments and (ii) each entity reporting to her and (b) how long has each specified position been vacant?

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REPLY:

- (a)(i) The Department has a total of 919 (12,6%) vacant positions, with an establishment of 7264. Of the 919 vacant positions, 462 (6%) were advertised and they are in the process of being filled. It must also be noted that the Department is in the process of restructuring, where consultations with the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) are at an advanced stage. The restructuring process will have a significant impact on the current vacancy rate, where some of the posts will be abolished or reassigned.
- (a)(ii) Entities have a total of the 577 vacant posts of which 237 have been vacant for 6 months, 252 have been vacant for a year and 88 for over 2 years and above.
- (b) Out of the 919 vacant posts, 374 (5% of the establishment) have been vacant since 01 January 2013 due to resignations, 522 were vacant since 01 January 2012, and 23 have been vacant as from 01 January 2011. Of the vacant posts, 217 fall within the Occupational Specific Dispensation (OSD), where the department is experiencing challenges with regard to recruitment. The Department has since prioritised the filling of technical posts, which are the bulk of the 462 that are in the process of being filled.

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