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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1723 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr S M van Dyk (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 27/07/2013


DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


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

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1723. Dr S M van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

What criteria will be used to prioritise projects undertaken by Water Boards as a result of the introduction of the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant?

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REPLY:

The criteria to be used for the selection of projects for the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant are as follows:

- Projects must be within the 23 +1 priority District Municipalities identified for priority interventions by the South African Government;
- Projects must be targeting households that currently do not have water supply and no other existing planned project will be providing water to such households before July 2016;
- The targeted projects must provide households with an interim, intermediate water supply or basic water supply, but not a greater level of service; and
- Projects will be prioritised also according to whether they use appropriate technology and also whether the cost per household is within certain parameters. Cost parameters will vary from Province to Province and according to different situations. The costs criteria are not meant to exclude projects, but to reduce the type of service and technology provided. Cost criteria has been introduced to prevent very expensive projects, minimise the opportunity of 'some for all', which is the main theme of the Grant.

The criteria, whether a project will be implemented using an Implementing Agent such as a Water Board, will depend on the capacity of the benefiting Water Services Authority (WSA). The criteria that the Department of Water Affairs will use to determine whether a WSA has adequate capacity to implement the projects to be funded through the Grant are as follows:

- Expenditure trend by the WSA of other Grants such as Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and the Water Services Operation Subsidy Grant (WSOS);
- Blue drop score by the WSA;
- Audited outcomes; and
- Project Management capacity by the WSA.

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