



## water affairs

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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 213 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

  
DIRECTOR GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 11/03/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

*Add your actions on mitigation and send off to Parliament before 10h30 am. today*

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

DATE: 2013/03/11

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 213

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213. Mrs N W A Michael (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether a full (a) ecological and (b) human health assessment has been conducted in the Hennopsriver/Sesmylspruit waterway in the past three years; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings? NW228E

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REPLY:

- 1(a) My Department conducted a preliminary Reserve for the Crocodile West / Groot Marico Water Management Area which includes the Quaternary Catchment A21H in 2011 within which the Hennops River/ Sesmylspruit waterway flows. The Ecological Water Requirements revealed that the Present Ecological State for this river is in a degraded state, whilst having a moderate Ecological Importance and Sensitivity. This means that the river is currently in a highly modified state and a large loss of natural habitat, biota and basic ecosystems has occurred. The Reserve recommended various conditions to mitigate against negative impacts experienced in this quaternary catchment.

The condition recommended in this particular case was for the City of Tshwane to clean the Hennops river by taking out all the debris and litter. This is done on an ongoing basis in line with the recommendation from the Reserve.

- (b) My Department is mandated to carry out the ecological assessments of water resources. Human health assessments are a responsibility of the Department of Health in conjunction with the relevant provincial health departments.

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