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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2610 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr F A Rodgers (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 2013/10/17

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED ^{with} ~~AMENDED~~ ^{ment}

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

DATE: 2013/10/20

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2610. Mr F A Rodgers (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How much water has been extracted from the Pongola Dam (a) in (i) 2011 and (ii) 2012 and (b) since 1 January 2013;
- (2) How is the water extracted from the Pongola Dam distributed?
- (3) What are the uses of the water extracted from the Pongola Dam?
- (4) What profit has been generated by the Pongola Dam (a) in (i) 2011 and (ii) 2012 and (b) since 1 January 2013?

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REPLY:

- (1) The following volumes have been extracted from Pongolapoort Dam. Refer to table below:

Period	As per International Agreement with Swaziland (in m ³)	Mjindi Canal release for agricultural use (in m ³)	Domestic & Industrial together with Agriculture from dam basin (in m ³)
(1)(a)(i) Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	2 954 378	39 191 738	28 753 052
(1)(a)(ii) Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	3 948 048	41 125 278	24 701 448
(1)(a)(iii) Jan 2013 - Sept 2013	2 936 181	39 470 990	32 730 828

The ecological flow has to be let out of the dam (226 million m³ for 2011, 220 million m³ for 2012 and 165 million m³ currently for 2013). Over and above, the annual flood release also has to be made (293 million m³ for 2011, 233 million m³ for 2012 and 215 million m³ for 2013). Due to instructions from the Dam Safety Office, the dam is operated currently at 80% capacity as a result of the situation during Cyclone Demoina in 1984.

- (2) For Domestic, Industrial, Agricultural and supply to Swaziland, the water is abstracted with pumps and distributed via pipelines and canal systems.
- (3) The uses are for Domestic, Industrial and Agriculture as per the International Agreement with Swaziland.

(4)(a) Kindly note that the Department of Water Affairs nor its entities generate no profit from water. Refer to Table below for the surplus recorded per period is:

Period	Revenue collected	Expenses	Surplus
(4)(a)(i) Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	R 4,230,790.65	R 7,313,660.94	(R 3,082,870.29)
(4)(a)(ii) Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	R19,013,608.96	R 6,385,968.91	R12,627,640.05
(4)(a)(iii) Jan 2013 - Sept 2013	R6,436,423.35	R 3,022,894.36	R3,413,528.99

The additional revenue received in 2012 was a result of turn-around strategy by the Department to collect historical debt that was long outstanding.

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