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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2962 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 30/11/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED 


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

DATE: 20/11/13

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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2962. Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

What steps has her department taken to ensure that municipalities are made aware that lack of water demand management as a strategic issue in a water-scarce country impacts significantly on water for growth and development?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Non Revenue Water Report released in March 2013 indicates that there are huge water losses in the municipal water infrastructure. The Department of Water Affairs (Department) Regional Offices engaged with municipalities in their respective Provinces, where workshops were held in all nine (9) Provinces to inform and alert the municipalities of the state of their water losses. Funding from the Department's Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP) is supporting some of the municipalities on Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WC/WDM). In Kwa Zulu-Natal and Northern Cape for example, there is formal WC/WDM forums, with the KZN WC/WDM Forum launched officially by the Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs on 29 August 2013. In these forums the municipalities and the Regional Offices come together to discuss issues of Water Balancing, Pressure Management, Tariff settings, and Data Management. Through the ACIP funding a total volume of water saved in municipalities for the second quarter of the current financial year is **32 929 195 m³** for the Domestic Sector.
- (2) The Department has supported the municipalities in developing WC/WDM strategies, as well as the implementation of these strategies in some Provinces. A total number of forty-four (44) Municipalities have been supported in implementing WC/WDM measures to reduce water losses, namely :
 - Eastern Cape Province – 8: Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (MM), Kouga LM, Camdeboo LM, Amathole District Municipality (DM), Blue Crane LM, Chris Hani DM, Makana LM, Buffalo City MM;
 - Free State Province – 1: Mangaung MM;
 - Gauteng Province – 1: Ekurhuleni MM;
 - Mpumalanga – 2: Msukaligwa and Thaba Chweu Local Municipalities (LM);
 - Northern Cape – 7: Emthanjeni LM, Sol Plaatjie LM, Magareng LM, Richtersveld LM, Tsantsabane LM, //Khara Hais LM, KareebergLM;
 - North West Province – 3: Ventersdorp LM, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati DM, Matlosana LM;
 - Limpopo Province – 1: Mogalakwena LM;.
 - Western Cape Province – 21: Matzikama LM, Bergrivier LM, Swartland LM, Saldanha LM, Witzenberg LM, Drakenstein LM, Breede Valley LM, Langeberg LM, Theewaterskloof LM, Swellendam LM, Overstrand LM, Cape Agulhas LM Hessequa LM, Bitou LM, Knysna LM, Mosselbay LM, Oudtshoorn LM, George LM, Beaufort West LM, Laingsburg LM and the City of Cape Town MM.

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