



## water affairs

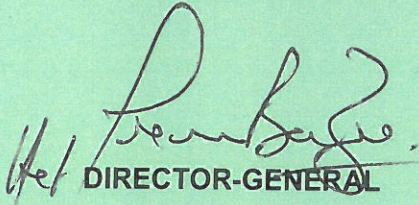
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★49 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr. S Z Ntapane is attached for your consideration.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10/03/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

  
MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
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**★49. Mr S Z Ntapane (UDM) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether the Department of Water Affairs plans to resolve the water – contaminating disposal of sewage into Mthatha River; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

The Department's details to resolve the water – contaminating disposal of sewage into Mthatha River include the following:

The Department allocated a total budget of R235 million in its Medium Term Expenditure Framework under Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) programme. The OR Tambo District Municipality has appointed Indwe Environmental Consulting to undertake the Mthatha Bulk sewerage conveyance.

The Mthatha Bulk sewerage conveyance development involves the following phases:

Phase 1(a): Ncamedlana installation of new sewerage infrastructure to accommodate new demand and also to upgrade failing infrastructure.

Phase 1(b) and (c): Refurbishment and upgrade of existing Bulk sewerage infrastructure.

To date the Department is processing the Mthatha Waste Water Treatment Plant license application from O.R. Tambo DM for discharging effluent into Mthatha River which will ensure that the treated effluent complies with the Departmental effluent standards.

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