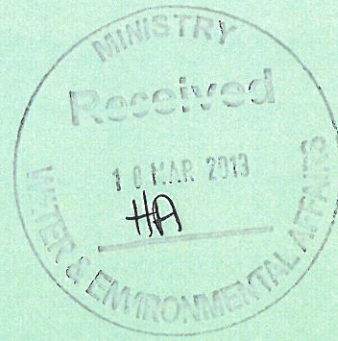




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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★78 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Ms J Manganye (ANC) is attached for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 10/03/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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★78. Ms J Manganye (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether the South African component of the Commission on the Lesotho Highlands Water Project experienced any challenges or difficulties with advancing Phase Two of the project; if so, what are the relevant details? NO449E

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REPLY:

The response to the question asked by the Honourable Member, Manganye, is that as South Africa we have fulfilled all our preconditions of the treaty including the parliamentary ratification process in order to commence with the implementation of Phase 2 of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. I would like to express our appreciation to this august House for having processed that ratification as quick as we did.

The Lesotho government has also committed itself to the principles of developing the project for the benefits of the people of South Africa and Lesotho during a meeting between our President and the Right Honourable Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Prime Minister requested time for the new Lesotho coalition government to study and understand the full implications of the agreement that was signed on 11 August 2011 with our Ministers.

The government of Lesotho has furthermore assured us that they will make every effort to conclude their study of the agreement as early as possible. At this stage there has been no formal communication from Lesotho following the meeting between our President and their Prime Minister requesting that any changes to the agreement signed on 11 of August 2011 be considered. In other words, we don't have any detailed request that has been made at the moment. Thank you very much.

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