



## water affairs

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★79 FOR ORAL REPLY

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

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)**

**DATE:**

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 2013/03/10

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO ★79

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

Which aspects of the mid-2012 agreement with the government of Lesotho on the second phase of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project will be reviewed? NO450E

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**REPLY:**

We (South Africa) have fulfilled all of the per-conditions of the Treaty (including the Parliamentary ratification process) in order to commence with the implementation of the Phase 2 Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

While the Government of Lesotho has also committed themselves to the principles of developing the Project for the benefit of the peoples 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 treaty which was signed on 11 August 2011. 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 Treaty signed on 11 August 2011 be considered.

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