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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★92 FOR ORAL REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

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

With reference to her reply to questions 2246 on 6 September 2011 and 3132 on 3 December 2012, what led to the appointment of the three forensic auditors when the Board of Bloem Water was investigating the allegations of irregular tenders? NO464E

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REPLY:

My Department received numerous allegations of mismanagement and corruption at institutions reporting to me. My Department decided that a professional service provider be appointed to conduct forensic investigations on a "as the need arises basis" over a period of three (3) years for cases where there is some "prima facie" evidence to support the allegations. This process was done through a competitive bidding process. This was deemed necessary in order to ensure that there is effective risk mitigation and management and to ensure that there is transparency, completeness, ultimate accountability and, in addition, to reinforce government's intention to eradicate fraud, corruption and poor governance in its public entities.

The Departmental Bid Adjudicating Committee approved the call down facility on condition that three service providers are appointed.

In the case of Bloem Water, the Board was initially requested to conduct the investigation but the report submitted to my Department by the Board was inconclusive.

It was therefore considered appropriate to appoint independent auditors to conduct the investigations, mandated and instructed by the Department or the Minister as it would be more credible and would eliminate any conflict of interest.

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