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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 231 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr D Joseph (DA-WC) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 12/05/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED^{as}/AMENDED


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

DATE: 2013/06/24

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 231

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231. Mr D Joseph (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether her department has paid R23 million to the Water Board that was owed by the Maguassi Municipality; if not, what measures will her department take to ensure that the debt is being paid; if so, (a) why and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW328E

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REPLY:

(1) No, her Department has not paid R23 million to the Sedibeng Water Board which is the entity serving the Maquassie Municipality in the Free State. The measures her Department took to ensure that the debt is paid are as follows:-

- Sedibeng Water and Maquassi Hills Local Municipality signed a debt settlement agreement on the 13 March 2013, with the intervention and assistance of the Department of Water Affairs.
- In terms of the debt settlement agreement, Maquassi Hills Local Municipality will pay the current account and will pay-off the debt in for equal installments every quarter upon receiving the equitable shares.
- My Department compiles monthly reports on all debt owed to Water Boards and will also from time to time engage with Sedibeng Water, Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs and the South African Local Governance Association to ensure that all parties stick to their obligations in terms of this agreement.

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