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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 390 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 28/10/2013

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

Team of Mava MUST prepare a press release to go out as this response goes to Parliament.

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

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 390

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390. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NW) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her department has taken any steps to prevent water shortages at Swartruggens in the North West; if not, why not; if so, what steps;
- (2) (a) where is Swartruggens bulk water supply sourced from, (b) what amount has been spent in supplying Swartruggens with water in the past three financial years and (c) what percentage of pipelines are currently working?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, there are steps taken to prevent water shortages at Swartruggens in the North West. The measures that are being considered are as follows:
 - Constructing a pump station and a dedicated bulk line from the Swartruggens Water Treatment Works (WTW) to the eastern areas reservoir by June 2014;
 - The existing pump station at the Swartruggens WTW will then supply the reservoir from where the western area will be supplied;
 - Constructing a new pump station at the temporary pump station that will supply water through a dedicated bulk line (already installed) to Boroello by June 2014.
- (2)(a) The water supply to Swartruggens is supplied from the Swartruggens Dam through the Swartruggens WTW.
- (2)(b) The following has been spent in supplying Swartruggens with water for the last three financial years:
 - R18 million was spent in the financial year 2010/11 for Water Treatment Works; and
 - R11 million was spent in the financial year 2011/12 for Boroello new development internal water infrastructure.
- (2)(c) The percentage of pipelines that are currently working in Swartruggens is as follows:
 - Swartruggens area East of Elands river (Bo-Dorp) = 48% of old Swartruggens; and
 - Boroello higher lying areas = 52%

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