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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 65 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Mr V M Manzini (DA-Mpumalanga) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2013/05/10

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**FOR ORAL REPLY****QUESTION NO 65****DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 26 APRIL 2013**

- (1) What (a) steps are being taken to ensure proper water supply from the Inyaka Dam to the northern and eastern parts of Bushbuckridge and (b) time frame has been set for the completion of the project;
- (2) Whether any temporary supply of water is available to the affected areas; if not, why not; if so, how is this being achieved?

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REPLY:

- (1) (a) An additional 50 mega-litres extension of the WTW (Water Treatment Works) is currently under construction to augment water supply to the northern parts and eastern parts of Bushbuckridge. A 700mm diameter pipeline is also under construction to deliver water to the northern parts of Bushbuckridge.
- (b) Construction of the additional 50 mega-litres module is scheduled for completion by end of May 2013. Construction of the 700mm diameter pipeline to the northern parts of Bushbuckridge is scheduled for completion by end of June 2013. As these extensions and new pipeline are being done, connection to villages also takes place, with three villages along the pipeline having been connected already. As the pipeline passes other remaining villages, the existing internal reticulation pipes are being tested to check their status given that they have been unutilised for a number of years. If any leaks are detected these are then fixed.
- (2) Intermediate supply of water is available to the affected areas. The Northern parts is currently supplied from the Acornhoek Dam Water Treatment Works. The rest of the villages in the northern parts are being supplied through local boreholes. The eastern parts are being supplied from the Dwarsloop Water Treatment Works, Thulamahashe Water Treatment Works and Edenburg Water Treatment Works. The rest of the villages in the eastern parts are being supplied through local boreholes.

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