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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1056 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr. A P van der Westhuizen (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 29/08/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.09.14

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1056. Mr. A P van der Westhuizen (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With regard to the agricultural potential of the land existing under the Berg River dam wall, does her department intend to allow emerging farmers to cultivate the land; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the alternative plans for the land; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) does she intend to take any steps to revitalise the negotiations in this regard with the local community; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are her department's plans in this regard and (b) when will this process be finalised?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The onus to allow emerging farmers to cultivate the land does not depend on the Department of Water and Sanitation as the land does not belong to the Department.
- (1)(b) Falls away
- (2)(a) The Sustainable Utilisation Plan (SUP) was developed by the Berg River SUP Forum which comprised of the officials from the Department, Department of Public Works and other relevant stakeholders together with the surrounding communities to identify the agricultural potential on the land downstream of the Berg River Dam. The negotiations to utilise the land lie with the Department of Public Works.
- (2)(b) Falls away

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