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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1408 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T E Baker (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 10/14/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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1408. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) How many (a) wastewater treatment plants are there in Mpumalanga and (b) of them are currently operational;
- (2) how many of these plants have valid licences;
- (3) (a) how many of these plants are not operational, (b) how long has each specified plant been non-operational and (c) what (i) plan is in place for the replacement, rehabilitation or rectification of neglected sanitation infrastructure and (ii) is the time frame?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) There are 167 Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs) in Mpumalanga.
- (1)(b) There are 125 WWTWs currently operational.
- (2) There are 38 of these WWTWs with valid water use licenses.
- (3)(a) There are 42 of these WWTWs currently not operational.
- (3)(b) All 42 WWTWs have not been operational since 2012.
 - The Department through the Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP) and Water Services Operating Subsidy Grant (WSOSG) is assisting the municipalities with the refurbishment of 13 non-operational WWTWs. Due to limited budget available, the Department has submitted a bid to National Treasury in July 2014 to source funding towards the refurbishment and upgrade of the all dilapidated WWTWs including the remaining 29 WWTWs
 - The anticipated completion date to refurbish all 13 WWTWs mentioned above is March 2017 hence the commencement and completion of the remaining 29 WWTWs will depend upon response from National Treasury on funding requested.

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