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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1886 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

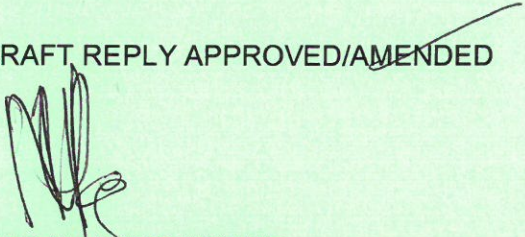
A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


MS MARGARET-ANN DIEDRICKS
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

21/10/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE:

24.10.14

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1886. Mr M H Redelinghuys (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) How many times has her department received a request from the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), in line with section 184(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, to provide a report on measures taken by her department towards the realisation of the rights in the Bill of Rights concerning housing, health care, food, water, social security, education and the environment in the (i) 2011-12, (ii) 2012-13 and (iii) 2013-14 financial years, (b) how many times did her department submit such a report to the SAHRC and (c) was each specified report (i) made readily available to the public or (ii) tabled in Parliament?

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REPLY:

(a) Refer to the table below:

(a)(i) 2012/13 financial year		
Request Received	Subject	Response
18 December 2012	Request for information on the progressive realisation of the right to water	The Department has responded on the request by (SAHRC) on the 14 February 2013.
26 March 2013	Commission's findings and recommendations on the right to access water and sanitation based on provincial hearings on the right to water and sanitation (2012-2013)	The Department through the previous Acting Director-General presented in person before the (SAHRC) in May 2013. The Department later responded in writing to (SAHRC) on the 25 August 2013.
(a)(ii) 2013/14 financial year		
Request Received	Subject	Response
30 March 2014	Report on the Right to Access Sufficient Water and Decent Sanitation in South Africa: 2014	The Department responded on this report after it was published to Parliament in April 2014.
15 July 2014 D14598	Complaint of social justice coalition against the City of Cape Town	The Department has responded on the request by (SAHRC) on the 15 August 2014

- (b) The Department responded four times to all the submissions made by the SAHRC as shown in the above Table 1 of section (a).
- (c) The report on the Rights to Access Sufficient Water and Decent Sanitation in South Africa: 2014 was the only report presented by the SAHRC to Parliament on the 11 March 2014 and later made available to the public.

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