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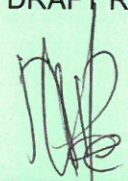
A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms J F Terblanche (DA) is attached for your consideration.



DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE
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2087. Ms J F Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Does her department make use of the SA National Space Agency's monthly reports on the National Water Base Map, in particular with regard to (a) water use licensing and (b) the monitoring of illegal water dams; if not, why not; if so, how regularly?

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REPLY:

- (a) No, the National Water Base Map is currently not used by the Department; however the water use licensing function makes use of other remote sensing tools like SPOT 6, Landsat imagery and topographic maps. As further tools are developed they will be evaluated and considered for implementation.
- (b) No, the Department makes use of SPOT 6 and Landsat images. The Department is in consultation with the SA National Space Agency on methods to improve datasets as per requirements of the Department. These datasets are requested on a yearly basis and seasonally, based on the planting season and when a possible unlawful water use activity had been identified.

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