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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2148 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 22/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED—

MRS NP MOKONYANE  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 24.11.14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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**QUESTION NO 2148**

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**2148. Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:†**

Whether, in light of the recent water shortages in Gauteng, she will give consideration to declaring Rand Water and other strategic water entities in the country as national keypoints in order to improve security; if not, (a) why not and (b) what alternatives will be put in place to improve security; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) No, as a Minister of Water and Sanitation I do not have powers to declare Rand Water or any strategic water institution a National Key Point. This power is vested in the Minister of Defence through the National Key Point Act (Act No. 102 of 1980) and subsequently transferred to Minister of South African Police in 2004. However all the water institutions undertake risk assessments on an annual basis to improve security on water works. In the case of Rand Water, Suikerbosrand water purification works has been declared a National Key Point.
- (b) Due to the nature of bulk water supply and location and spread of associated infrastructure, critical components such as electrical supply and the bulk water delivery pipelines which cover vast distances over rural and urban landscape are the most vulnerable. Water boards continue to invest in improved security and technology (fencing, beam system, CCTV cameras) to protect the water works assets that are critical to ensure reliability of supply.

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