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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 231 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 13/03/2014

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MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2014/03/23

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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## FOR WRITTEN REPLY

### QUESTION NO 231

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**231. Mr F A Rodgers (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

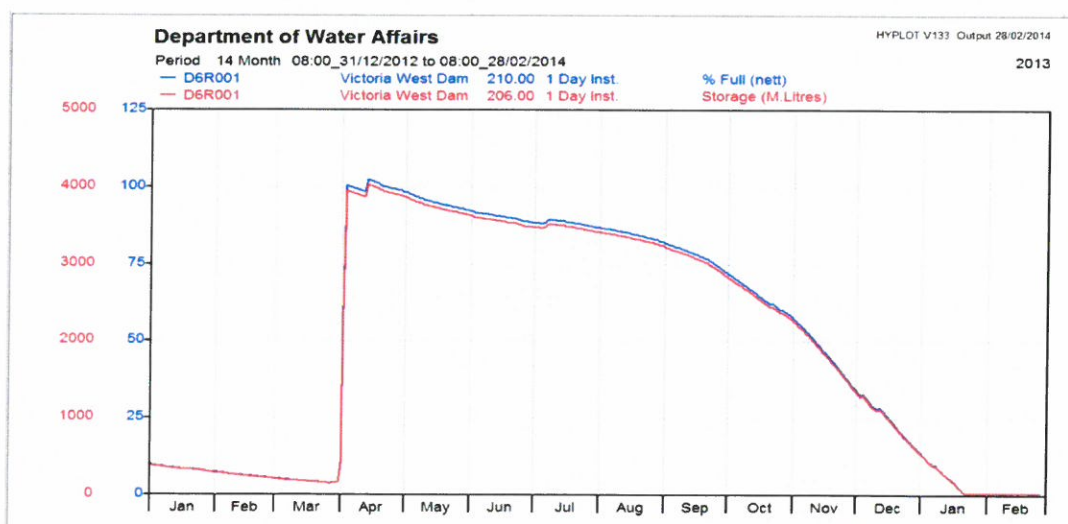
- (1) With reference to the Victoria West Dam, (a) what is the (i) storage capacity, (ii) current water level and (iii) purpose of the specified dam and (b) who is responsible for the maintenance of this dam;
- (2) whether her department has received any complaints regarding the current state of the specified dam; if so, (a) what investigation has been undertaken and (b) what steps will she take to rectify the situation?

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## REPLY:

- (1)(a)(i) The storage capacity of the Victoria West Dam is 3,59 million cubic meters (3 590 000 m<sup>3</sup>).
- (1)(a)(ii) The Victoria West Dam is currently at 0%, with a zero water level. Below is a hydrograph of the dam for the past 14 months, ending on 26 February 2014. The catchment experienced some good rains in March and April 2013 resulting in the dam spilling [reached a maximum storage of 102,6% (equivalent of 4,037X10<sup>6</sup>m<sup>3</sup>) on 13 April 2013]. The dam has been declining since April 2013 and has reached a zero level in mid-January 2014, refer to figure 1 below.



**Figure1:** Hydrograph of Victoria West Dam from 1 January 2013 until 26 February 2014. Blue = percentage full and Red = Volume Stored

- (1)(a)(iii) The purpose of the Dam is for supplying water to municipal, industrial and irrigation users.
- (1)(b) The Ubuntu Local Municipality is the owner of the Dam and is responsible for its maintenance.
- (2) The Department has not received any complaints regarding the current state of the dam.

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