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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2316 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr A M Mpontshane (IFP) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 14/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 24.11.14

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2316. Mr A M Mpontshane (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, in view of the current budget allocation, her department is in a position to eliminate the bucket system in the 2014-15 financial year; if not, what obstacles are they facing in this regard; if so, what (a) are the timeframes and (b) municipalities are involved? NW2893E

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REPLY:

- (a) There are about 272 995 households using the bucket system of sanitation in South Africa and 88127 of those are in formalised areas and the rest are in informal settlements according to Stats SA 2007 figures.

A budget of R2.524 billion has been allocated to the Bucket Eradication programme starting in 2013/14 financial year allocated as follows:

2013/14: R650 million
2014/15: R899 million
2015/16: R975 million

Priority is given to buckets in formal areas and when these are replaced then the focus will be directed to buckets in informal settlements. As the budget is allocated up to 2015/16 financial year the buckets will not be eliminated in the 2014/15 financial year. It is envisaged that the buckets in formal areas may be eradicated in the 2015/16 financial year.

- (b) Most of the buckets in formal areas are located in Free State, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and North West provinces and those located in informal areas are mostly in Metropolitan municipalities and secondary cities. Refer to **Annexure A** for the list of municipalities affected.

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