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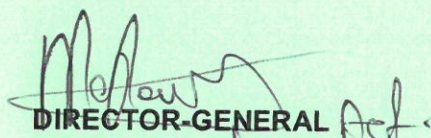
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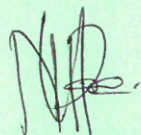
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2691 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 19/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 24.11.14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2691

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2691. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With reference to her reply to question 590 on 27 August 2014 regarding the water use license applications (WULAs) that are still in progress, (a) what (i) are the names of the applicants and (ii) usage they have applied for and (b) when will the backlog of WULAs be dealt with?

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REPLY:

- (a)(i) The names of the applicants cannot be disclosed since the applications are under consideration and the Department has a duty to maintain confidentiality.
- (a)(ii) The water uses applied for are given in general and are in terms of section 21(a) to (k) of the National Water Act, 1998:-
- taking water from a water resource;
 - storing water;
 - impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse;
 - engaging in a stream flow reduction activity contemplated in section 36;
 - engaging in a controlled activity identified as such in section 37(1) or declared under section 38(1);
 - discharging waste or water containing waste into a water resource through a pipe, canal, sewer, sea outfall or other conduit;
 - disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource;
 - disposing in any manner of water which contains waste from, or which has been heated in, any industrial or power generation process;
 - altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse;
 - removing, discharging or disposing of water found underground if it is necessary for the efficient continuation of an activity or for the safety of people; and
 - using water for recreational purposes.
- (b) The backlog of water use licences was cleared at the end of October 2014; the actual process of evaluation was completed at the end of October 2014. The Department is currently in the process of completing the administration which includes the process of sign off on the record of recommendation and licences by the delegate authorities within the Department.

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