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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2697 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

22/11/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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24.11.14.

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2697. Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Is she aware of the water crisis currently being experienced by Komaggas and Buffelsrivier in the NamaKoi Municipality; if not, when will she launch an investigation into this water crisis; if so, (a) what (i) is her department doing to remedy the situation, (ii) is the extent of the water crisis and (iii) support is her department providing for inhabitants of the affected areas and (b) when will the water crisis be resolved?

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REPLY:

The Department is aware of the current water supply situation prevailing in Komaggas in the Nama Khoi Municipality.

(a)(i) The Department through its accelerated community infrastructure programme assisted the Nama Khoi Municipality with a full assessment of the groundwater supply system in Komaggas. In line with the findings of the assessment completed in October 2014, two boreholes in Komaggas will be rehabilitated to augment the current water supply.

(a)(ii) Buffelsrivier is not experiencing any water supply problems.

In Komaggas households in high-lying areas are affected by intermittent water supply. The intermittent water supply is as a result of a decline in borehole yields and the water pressure from the reservoir being insufficient to reach the high-lying areas.

(a)(iii) The Nama Khoi Municipality is currently using water tankers to supply affected households in Komaggas with water.

(b) It is estimated that water supply (from the groundwater supply system) to affected households in Komaggas will be restored by 30 November 2014. The Department under its Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant programme is funding the refurbishment and upgrading of the Namakwa Bulk Water Supply Scheme and intends extending this pipeline, supplying water from the Orange River, to Komaggas and Buffelsrivier. The estimated completion date of the Namakwa bulk water supply scheme is March 2018.

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