



## water affairs

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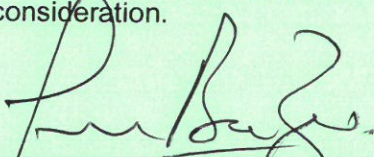
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### MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 307 FOR WRITTEN REPLY


A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) is attached for your consideration.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

17/03/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED <sup>as</sup> ✓

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

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**QUESTION NO 307**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 5)**

**307. Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether she or her department is aware that the community of Ehashahasheni informal settlement in Ekurhuleni on the East Rand of Johannesburg, (a) share two taps and (b) are forced to travel long distance to fetch water; if not, what is the position of her department in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) Yes, the Department is aware that the community of Ehashahasheni Informal Settlement, which is also known as Flukplaas share two communal standpipes.
- (b) Firstly we need to restate that this question is about provision of water services which is a matter dealt with by municipalities. The Department of Water Affairs deals with Water Resource as it should be known by the Honourable Member by now. The community members walk 200m to fetch water from the standpipes. It must be noted that getting water from a distance of 200m complies with the RDP Standard and of Water Services Regulation 3 under Section 9 of the Water Services Act, (Act 108 of 1997).

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