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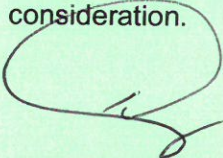


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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

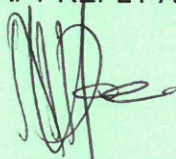
### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★404 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) is attached for your consideration.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10/12/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

  
MRS NP MOKONYANE  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 11-12-14



# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## FOR WRITTEN REPLY

### QUESTION NO ★404

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#### **★404. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to certain man-made challenges with regard to water supply in Limpopo, particularly in Mopani and Sekhukhune, where farmers decided to close water streams that used to take water to rivers and dams and diverted it to their own dams, resulting in persons from that area not receiving water from the dam in their local area, what measures and plans are put in place to correct the situation that deprived persons of getting clean water around the clock from their near-by dams?

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#### **REPLY:**

No formal cases have been registered in Limpopo; however an investigation will be carried out to determine if there is any illegal damming of rivers in the Mopani and Sekhukhune areas which fall within the Luvuvhu/Letaba and Olifants Water Management Areas respectively. The investigations will be finalised by the 20 November 2014 and a report will be made available.

Directives will be issued to anyone found to be using water illegally as defined in Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998); this includes abstraction of water, storage of water in dams, diversion of rivers etc., or perpetrators in terms of Section 53 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). In case the user does not comply with the directive, the department will follow a process of the enforcement of the directive which may include amongst others, opening a criminal case against the user according to Section 53 (2a) and 151 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).

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