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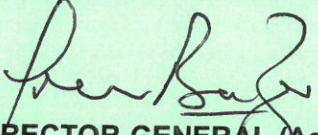
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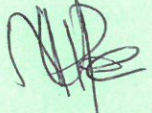
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 465 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 17/10/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.11.14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 465

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465. Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether, in light of the unavailability of water-borne sewerage to a large segment of the society, her department has requested the services of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and/or any other competent institution to provide alternative solutions to the sanitation problems experienced by municipalities resulting in grievances of communities; if not, why has her department not acted expeditiously to remedy the situation in the best way that technology and the budget permit; if so, what has been the (a) outcome in this regard and (b) reaction of the communities to these alternative solutions? NW544E

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REPLY:

The Department is currently in the process of dealing with the transfer of the Sanitation function in line with the President Proclamation. A Task Team has been established under the auspices of the National Macro Organisation of the State project and it is envisaged that the transfer will be finalised by 23 September 2014.

The Department of Human Settlements has however has entered into an agreement with the Department of Science and Technology. In terms of this agreement a cooperation framework has been developed with the objective contributing towards the provision of alternative human settlements technologies and indigenous knowledge systems that would lead towards the development of alternative technology policy including sanitation technologies.

A committee has been established comprised of Water Research Commission (WRC), the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Human Settlement to explore other sanitation technologies that can be more acceptable and sustainable for the communities. While the alternative technologies have not as yet been presented to communities, I am certain that there will be an acceptance of alternative sanitation technologies which may be recommended by the committee.

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