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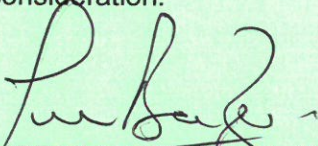
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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★76 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr T Makondo (ANC) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 25/09/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.09.14

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★76

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★76. Mr T Makondo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What steps will she take to conserve water to meet the needs and demands of (a) household consumption and (b) economic growth?

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REPLY:

The Department has for a number of years prioritised Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WC/WDM) as an integral part of its Reconciliation planning strategies to ensure that water, which is a limited resource in our country, is conserved and used efficiently across all water use sectors. WC/WDM has increasingly been placed at the centre of all water resource development plans, water requirements and availability reconciliation studies and water use authorisation processes through the growing realisation that this scarce resource should not be wasted and must be used efficiently especially in local government where old, dilapidated and leaking infrastructure leads to water losses and wastage of water.

The **National Water Resource Strategy 2 (NWRS2)** has adopted and published and this strategy covers the importance of water conservation and water demand management which is seen as a non-negotiable management intervention for all water users. Each and every Municipality must include water conservation and demand management in their Water Services Development Plans (WSDP's) which is a chapter of the intergraded Development Plans (IDP's)

The Department has recently initiated, developed and implemented the 'No Drop' system, similar to the current successful Blue and Green Drop, which serves as an incentive based, national monitoring and reporting system that requires municipalities to increase their efforts on the implementation of WC/WDM interventions leading to the reduction of water losses and Non Revenue Water (/NRW).

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