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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★106 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr Y C Vawda (EFF-Mpumalanga) is attached for your consideration.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)**

DATE: 12/09/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MRS NP MOKONYANE**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 14.09.14



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**★106. Dr Y S Vawda (EFF-Mpumalanga) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (a) Why has there been a delay in the eradication of the bucket system as the deadline was set for 2009 (details furnished) and (b) how is she addressing this as a matter of urgency?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) In February 2005, it was estimated that there were 252 254 buckets in use in formal or established areas in South Africa. These buckets existed before the democratic government took over administration of the country in 1994. An earmarked budget of R1, 8 billion was made available by National Treasury to eradicate buckets in formal, areas between 2005 and 2008. About 98 percent of these buckets were replaced under that programme.

However, some buckets in the Eastern Cape, Free State and Northern Cape could not be removed due to difficult ground conditions, lack of bulk services and / or inadequate financial resources. Buckets that existed after 1994 in both formal and informal areas were not included in this programme hence the existence of buckets sanitation.

- (b) In October 2013, Government made a commitment to eradicate all existing buckets in all types of settlements both formal and informal in a period of three years i.e. 2013/14 to 2015/16. An earmarked budget of a total of R2.5 billion has been allocated to the programme as follows 2013/14 R650 million, for 2014/15 R899 million and for 2015/16 R975 million. The Departments of Water and Sanitation, Human Settlements and Cooperative Governance are working together to ensure that the bucket system of sanitation is eradicated. However proper planning at municipal level has to be strengthened and improved so that new households are provided with appropriate sanitation services instead of bucket toilets.

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