



## water & sanitation

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★59 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms C Labuschagne (DA-WC) is attached for your consideration.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)**

DATE: 12/09/2013.

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 14.09.14.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**FOR ORAL REPLY**

**QUESTION NO ★59**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 11)**

**★59. Ms C Labuschagne (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) How many (i) applications were received by her department since the inception of the Lesotho Highlands Water Bilateral Agreement to date, (ii) of these applications were approved by her department and (iii) applications were approved for (aa) small, medium and micro enterprises and (bb) new farmers and (b) what is the cost of water per kilolitre from the Lesotho Highlands Water Project?

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**REPLY:**

The Lesotho Highlands Water Project has been developed to augment water supply into the Vaal River System to support domestic, industrial, Mining and Energy generation. It was not intended to utilize water from this project to extent any irrigation agricultural activities.

The cost of water from the LHWP is R 2.81 per cubic meter which includes royalties paid to the Kingdom of Lesotho and a capital user charge for the phase 2 of the project which is currently under construction.

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