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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★60 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms E C van Lingen (DA-EC) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE:

10/09/2014

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

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14.09.14.

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FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★60

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★60. Ms E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, with regard to the chronic water shortages in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan (NMBM), her department has made any provision in the budget for the completion of the Nooitgedacht and/or Coega Low Level Scheme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether this project is listed as one of the strategic integrated projects of the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she will take any steps to address the threatening water shortages in the NMBM, considering her department's prediction of water crisis in the metropolitan by 2015; if not, why not; if so, what steps?

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REPLY:

- (1) No, the Nooitgedacht / Coega Low Level Scheme (NCLLS) are a Metropolitan scheme that is not funded by the Department. The first phase was funded under a drought mitigation commitment in 2011 of R450 million from National Treasury and managed by the Department. The Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan was expected to make funding available from own sources to complete the project. They have however not been able to raise the required funds.

In order to deal with this matter a task team lead by the Department has been set up comprising of National Treasury, Amatole Water and Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) to explore funding options. The Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan opted for a special submission request to National Treasury. Other options would have included the surrender of infrastructure to Trans-Caledon transfer Agency (TCTA) so that off-budget finances could be sought.

- (2) No, this project is not specifically mentioned as a Strategic Integrated (intervention) Programme project.
- (3) The Department is leading and supports the implementation of the Algoa Reconciliation Strategy which also targets Water Conservation and Demand Management targets, Ground Water supplementation and investigating recycling opportunities for industrial uses.

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