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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★61 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr W F Faber (DA-NC) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 10/09/2014

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 ★61

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★61. Mr W F Faber (DA-NC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has (a) made any progress in respect of continued lack of water supply by the Makana Municipality to its residents and (b) provided any funding to mitigate these supply problem; if not, why not; if so, what amount has been budgeted for in this regard;
- (2) whether these projects were completed in terms of the budget provided for the projects; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether her department has any (a) plans and (b) budget in place to address the current water supply problems; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

(1)(a) Yes, The following interventions were implemented:

- Rapid Response Unit from the Department, support Water Treatment Works (WTW) plant operators, repair of leaks, stabilised the reservoir levels through continuous monitoring and adjustment, serviced & repaired air valves.
- Advised Makana municipality to appoint Amatola Water Board to manage Bulk Water Systems.
- Formation of an Inter-Governmental task team and Technical committees to co-ordinate and provide (technical & financial) support.

Due to the above interventions, lack of water supply within Makana municipality has improved. However other long-term sustainable solutions such as purchase of stand-by pumps, replace aged power lines, extension of James Kleinhans WTW and upgrading of sanitation infrastructure – pump stations, bulk sewers pipes and waste treatment works are still in process.

(1)(b) To date the Department has committed R 77.5 million towards addressing the water supply shortages. Below is a breakdown of the funding provided:

Funding Mechanism	Amount	Purpose	Status
RRU	R 1million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication - Stabilisation – balance reservoir levels so all have some water 	
ACIP	R12.5 million R8.5 in 2013/14 R4million in 2014/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water Conservation and Water Demand - Construction of Ward 12 reservoir, - Leak assessments, meter audits, zonal and end point meter purchasing, 	Ongoing, Completed, Ongoing,
RBIG	R67 million R1 million in 2013/14 R66million for 2014/15 to 2016/17	Upgrading of James Kleinhans Water treatment Works	Feasibility study completed. Construction still to commence

The Provincial Treasury has also allocated R200 million for both water and sanitation interventions in the area. The funding will be managed by the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC).

(2) The table above reflects some of the projects undertaken in the area. To ensure sustainable water supply in the long-term, there is a lot of work that is still in progress (e.g. Upgrading of the James Kleinhans WTW; refurbishment of the Waaineck WTW and others). Below is an indication of some of the work conducted and completed to date:

- Repairing of motors & pumps at Howisonspoort & James Kleinhans,
- Installation of water meters & air-valves
- Repairing electrical faults
- Construction of the new dedicated supply line and new bulk reservoir for Ward 10 (including Rhodes University users),

(3) Yes, please refer to response (1)(b) and (2) above.

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