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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★63 FOR ORAL REPLY

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

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 10/9/2014

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 ★63

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 11)

★63. Mr F Essack (DA-Mpumalanga) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether her department will intervene in the (a) Nkomazi and (b) eMalahleni Local Municipalities following the Mpumalanga Provincial Government's failure to supply potable drinking water; if not, why not; if so, when will her department take action regarding this matter?

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REPLY:

Yes, the Department has intervened in both the Nkomazi and eMalahleni Local Municipalities in terms of the provisions of a memorandum of understanding between the Department and the Provincial Government.

- (a) In the Nkomazi Local Municipality, the Department made intervention to supply potable drinking water through the Interim/Intermediate Water Supply Programme that was gazetted as Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG) in the Division of Revenue Act.

A budget allocation of R296 811 000 has been made available from 2013/14 to 2016/17 financial years. The budget is used for various projects which are currently in progress. The anticipated completion of those projects is end of 2016/17 financial year.

- (b) In eMalahleni Local Municipality, since 2011/12 financial year, the Department is funding the refurbishment of key bulk water infrastructure through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG).

A budget allocation of R51 739 360.000 has been made available. This is done in 3 phases of the refurbishment of bulk infrastructure, currently phase 1 and 2 have been completed. Phase 3 is in progress and anticipated to be completed by end of March 2015.

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