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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★64 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: 12/09/2014

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 ★64**

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

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

- (1) Whether there are any control measures in place for the waste water treatment plants in the (a) Kouga and (b) Koukamma municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has conducted any spot checks at the plants in these municipalities in 2013; if not, why not; if so, (a) which plants were visited, (b) when were they visited and (c) what were the (i) observations and (ii) recommendations following each visit?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes, the waste water treatment plants that have valid water use licenses are controlled through enforcement of the conditions of the water use license conditions. Where there are no valid licenses, the works are assessed in line with the Green drop standards.
- (2)(a) Yes, the spot checks were conducted only on the two large works namely Humansdorp & Jeffrey's Bay.
- (2)(b) Kouga: Humansdorp & Jeffrey's Bay works were visited on 26 September 2013.
- (2)(c)(i) Kouga: The Humansdorp works is operating above its design capacity and this leads to partial treatment of the waste water.
  - The newly upgraded Jeffrey's Bay works had just been commissioned and already producing a good quality effluent.
  - In the Koukamma municipality the works were visited during August 2014. The works were assessed against the Green Drop requirements. Eight of the twelve works scored below 30%.
- (2)(c)(ii) The Department recommended that the Humansdorp works be extended to increase capacity of the plant.
  - Engagements between the officials from the Department together with the municipal official are underway to explore the possible solutions to address the current state of the works within Koukamma municipality.

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