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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★65 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr C F B Smit (DA-Limpopo) 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

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★65. Mr C F B Smit (DA-Limpopo) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Which municipalities are responsible for the pollution of river systems with sewage in Limpopo;
- (2) whether her department has taken any steps to stop the pollution; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) Most of the sewage works in Limpopo province were designed to handle a waste load of 2ML/d. Due to population growth and use of flushing system, there was a need to upgrade infrastructure to cater for the growing demand of a flushing system.

These municipalities below are therefore experiencing challenges in treatment of sewage as they are operating above the designed capacities:

- Vhembe District Municipality - Makhado Town sewage works
- Polokwane Local Municipality - Polokwane and Seshego sewage works
- Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality – Tzaneen sewage works
- Lephalale Local Municipality – Taarl sewage works
- Modimolle Local Municipality – Modimolle sewage works
- Mopani District Municipality – Giyane sewage works
- Mookgophong Local Municipality – Mookgophong sewage works

- (2) Due to the vast nature of the problems faced by these municipalities, the Department took a series of steps in curbing the pollution of the River Systems. These steps included:

- Administrative steps where to some municipalities Pre-Directive and Directive were issued in terms of the National Water Act, 1998.
- Technical steps – the officials of the Department provided technical support to these municipalities. The support entailed the training of process controllers for effective management of the Wastewater Treatment Works; monitoring of the discharge effluent;
- Financial Support – various funding mechanism such as Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP) are provided based on the circumstances faced by each municipality.
- Monitoring – Monitoring in and around these facilities has been intensified to establish improvement or deterioration of water quality. Green drop assessments scores have improved.

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