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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★96 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T J Mokwele (EFF-NW) 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 ★96

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★96. Ms T J Mokwele (EFF-NW) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure that municipalities comply with the Blue Drop regulations;
- (2) whether communities in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality have access to running water (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) when will the infrastructure water pipes in the country be improved? CO183E

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REPLY:

- (1) The Blue Drop certification is an incentive based regulation aimed at improving drinking water quality management in South Africa. Water quality is but one of a number of criteria that is considered with regard to Blue Drop Certification. The failure by an institution to achieve Blue Drop certification should therefore not be construed as a bad reflection on the water quality managed by the relevant institution.

The Department undertakes assessments of water treatment systems to monitor compliance by municipalities on drinking water quality management. Where a municipality does not comply, an action plan is requested which outlines actions to be taken by the municipality to meet compliance standards.

Furthermore, the Department also assists Water Services Authorities through the Rapid Response Unit to deal with all water management issues related to compliance with drinking water quality management in each province.

- (2) Some communities in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality (with approximately 42 villages) have no access to running water; however as an interim measure potable water is provided through tankering. The Municipal Manager of Kotane Local Municipality will be in a position to provide a list of Villages without access to running water.

As a long term solution, Pilanesburg North bulk water scheme is currently under construction which is aimed at providing water supply in a sustainable manner within Moses Kotane's jurisdiction.

- (3) Infrastructure of pipes (reticulation) in the country is planned for by Municipalities, therefore the response to this will be better responded to by the Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta).

However, the Department has developed a 10 year infrastructure investment plan estimated at R670 billion therefore requiring R67 billion per year currently approximately 44% is funded.

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