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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1305 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10 June 2015

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

**MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 20.06.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 1305

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1305. Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What is her department doing to (a) prevent raw sewerage flowing into the Kowie catchment area in the Belmont Valley in the Makana Municipality and (b) protect and improve the overall environmental quality and safety of the Kowie catchment area?

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REPLY:

- (a) The Makana Local Municipality has submitted a technical report to CoGTA to request funding for the 2015/16 financial year in order to improve their sanitation services.

A Task Team headed by my Department including Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA), Rhodes University and the Sarah Baartman District Municipality has been established to monitor and oversee the management and implementation of water services initiatives in the municipality. Upgrades at Belmont Valley Wastewater Treatment Works have been scoped and implementation plan ready.

My Department has already set itself for the eradication of the formal bucket toilets in the municipality and is fully aware of the need to upgrade the sanitation infrastructure including the upgrading of the Belmont Valley Wastewater Treatment Works, the Kwa-Thatha bulk sewer line and the sewer outfall.

- (b) My Department is currently working in partnership with the Makana Local Municipality, Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Kowie Catchment Campaign in the cleanup projects around the catchment in trying to improve the ecosystem's biodiversity. My Department's Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement unit has issued the Makana Local Municipality with a directive owing to the non-compliance of their Belmont Valley Wastewater Treatment Works to the water use authorization licence conditions in terms of the overloading of the facility and the quality of the discharged effluent. The directive was issued after an audit of the facility was undertaken.

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