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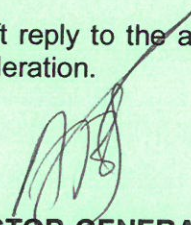
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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1564 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr P G Atkinson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)

DATE: 4/5/2015

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 12.05.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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1564. Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether her department has any plans in place to upgrade the provision of water and sanitation to the residents of Thembelihle, south of Johannesburg, Gauteng; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

There is currently work being done in developing a Water and Sanitation Master plan for Gauteng in consultation with Gauteng Provincial and City of Johannesburg.

It should be noted:

Thembelihle is an informal settlement under City of Johannesburg (CoJ) and the residents feel the Thembelihle area must be developed and therefore are somehow not willing to be relocated.

According to CoJ's Housing Department, Thembelihle area is located on ground not suitable for high density low cost housing development. This was based on two dolomitic stability studies that were conducted in 2006 by the CoJ.

CoJ has recently initiated additional geotechnical investigations that will address the issue of which part of the Thembelihle could be developed. Once the study has been finalised, CoJ would then be in a position to provide a proper plan regarding the development of low-cost housing in the area and subsequently the plans to upgrade water and sanitation services in the area. In the meantime, residents of Thembelihle are benefitting from the following basic water and sanitation services which are provided by the Joburg Water:-

- Communal stand-pipes for water
- Ventilated Improved Pit-latrines (VIPs)

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