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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2078 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) 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

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2078

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 17)

**2078. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) With reference to the reply of the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation to question 825 on 25 May 2015, when did she on behalf of South Africa conclude an agreement with the Cuban government according to which Cubans in certain trades/professions can find work in South Africa, (b) when will this agreement expire and (c) if more than one agreement has been concluded, what are the timeframes of each individual agreement;
- (2) (a) which trades/professions have been identified in each case and (b) how many Cubans in each specified trade/profession will be coming to South Africa;
- (3) whether the qualifications of the Cubans have been evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority; if not, why not; if so, which qualifications (a) meet and (b) do not meet the requirements;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW2341E

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) The agreement was signed on 9 September 2013.
- (1)(b) The agreement specifies a term of 24 months, with the possibility to extend by another 12 months.
- (1)(c) One agreement was signed by the Minister.
- (2)(a) The trades/professions covered by the agreement include Geohydrological and Engineering Services (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical).
- (2)(b) 35 Cuban specialists are in South Africa and more will be invited if the need arises.
- (3)(a) Each qualification has been evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).
- (3)(b) All meet the requirements.
- (4)(a) I made reference to this programme in my Budget Vote speech delivered on 20 May 2015.

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