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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2118 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T E Baker (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 16/6/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 20.06.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 2118

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2118. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has done any tests to ascertain the level of pollution of the Midmar Dam in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, why not; if so, what are the results of the tests;
- (2) what (a) intervention measures are planned in respect of the specified dam and (b) is the cost thereof? NW2429E

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the Department of Water and Sanitation (the Department) monitors the pollution of the Midmar Dam through the Implementation Agreement (IA), Umgeni Water which is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the dam.
 - The water quality results vary quite a lot, depending on the season, weather condition, etc; however, they are generally in a fairly good state/condition.
 - There is however, a concern with respect to the water that is coming into the system, as the nutrient loads are relatively higher than what they should be even though the concentration are not very high.
- (2)(a) The Department has started to assess this system on a much more frequent basis- i.e. bi-weekly.
- (2)(b) The cost is only related to the analysis of the samples and personnel.

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