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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2120 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

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 2120**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 19)**

**2120. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) What are the reasons for the water supply interruptions at the Piet Retief Provincial Hospital in Mpumalanga;
- (2) how frequently has the water supply been interrupted during the period from 1 June 2014 up to the latest specified date for which information is available?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The Department of Water and Sanitation together with the Mkhondo Local Municipality discovered that the water supply interruption is being caused by the fact that the Piet Retief Hospital is connected to the municipal water supply network and the network is mainly comprised of Asbestos cement pipes which are ageing and burst frequently. Subsequently; this affects the water supply to all areas supplied from the network, including the Piet Retief Hospital.

The Municipality is currently implementing a water conservation and demand management assessment wherein they are quantifying all water losses and the length of the asbestos cement pipe. A technical report will be submitted to the Department for approval to utilise the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funds for the replacement of the asbestos cement pipe.

- (2) The Municipality had 16 water supply interruptions from the month of June 2014 to Mid-June 2015, which also affected the water supply to the Piet Retief Hospital.

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