



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



EdTM

Enquiries: A van der Walt
Telephone: 012-336 8811
Reference: 6/2/2/6

MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 219 FOR WRITTEN REPLY


A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms M S Khawula (EFF) is attached for your consideration.



DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 18/2/14

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



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

DATE: 03.03.15



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 219

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 12 FEBRUARY 2015
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 1)

219. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether she has the cost in monetary terms to eliminate the de-humanising bucket system; if so,
(a) what are the relevant details and (b) how much longer would it take to eradicate this system?

NW240E

---0000---

REPLY:

- (a) Yes, the Department has set aside some R2,52 bn over three years to eradicate the bucket system.
- (b) The budget allocation to the Bucket Eradication programme per financial year is as follows:
- 2013/14: R650 million
 - 2014/15: R899 million
 - 2015/16: R975 million
- (c) The current programme to eradicate the bucket system of sanitation commenced in October 2013 and the priority was accorded to buckets in formal areas or established townships. This backlog of buckets was estimated at 88 127 and are mostly located in the Eastern Cape, Free State, Northern Cape and North West provinces. The Department is currently in process of addressing some 47 891 buckets in the above provinces.

Notwithstanding this, it appears as if this target was over-estimated by some 24 600 buckets however and this is being verified with provinces once more. It is anticipated that formal buckets will be eradicated by March 2016 subject to the availability of bulk infrastructure, water availability in water scarce areas etc.

However, bucket toilets are also found in informal settlements, and it is estimated that some 92 000 buckets are located in informal settlements. Most of them are found in metropolitan municipalities and secondary cities. Eradication of buckets in informal settlements will involve the upgrading of informal settlements if the land the settlement is located upon is suitable for development. Currently, the Department is in the process of aligning its informal settlement plans with the Department of Human Settlements to avoid duplication of efforts, synchronizing its timeframes in its quest to service such communities.

It may take up to five years to eradicate the existing buckets in informal settlements. Furthermore, the implementation of this programme takes place against a backdrop of a constant influx of people that end up live in informal settlements without sufficient services.

---0000---