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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 234 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: 21/3/15

~~DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED~~

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 10.03.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 234

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

- (1) (a) How much has been budgeted for the upgrading of the dilapidated water infrastructure across the country and (b) by what date will the country have a fully upgraded water infrastructure system;
- (2) whether she can provide (a) a list of areas nationally that (i) are experiencing water shortages and/or (ii) have no access to clean water and (b) her plans to address the problem in those specific areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details, in each case?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The 2014/15 financial year budget for the upgrade of dilapidated water infrastructure is R1.6b. The Dam Safety Rehabilitation Program (DSRP) budget for the 2014/15 financial year is R 220 million. My Department has budgeted R 315 million for the 2015/16 financial year and the program is expected to be concluded in 2019/20 (i.e. a total of 81 dams fully rehabilitated).
- (1)(b) Cabinet has set a target of 90% reliable Water Services by 2019.
- (2)(a)(i) Yes, my Department can provide a list of areas experiencing water shortages. The information is found in the basic water services backlog eradication Master Plan reports compiled per Water Services Authority per province.
- (2)(a)(ii) Yes, the list of areas with no access to clean water is also captured in Basic water services backlog eradication Master Plan.
- (2)(b) Water Services is a function of Local Government. Due to the significance of this function my Department is working in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) to address the matter. A comprehensive water supply situation assessments for each of the priority 27 District Municipalities is underway. First order assessments are already available. Based on these assessments detailed water supply master plans are developed for each District Municipality to address:
 - the un-served areas,
 - areas that require refurbishment,
 - areas with aged infrastructure,
 - areas with operations and maintenance problems, and
 - areas that require new infrastructure. Support programmes are also developed/enhanced to address planning, implementation and ongoing management.

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