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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**


**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2363 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:** 9/7/15

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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2363. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What are the relevant details of each outstanding water use license agreement in respect of each province?
- (2) What is the (a) date on which the application for a water use license was made, (b) reason for delay and (c) expected date of finalisation?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The relevant details of outstanding water use licence applications (WULAs) in respect of each Province appear on Table 1 below.

Table 1: WULAs in process at the Department

Provincial Operation	Initial Assessment	Outstanding Information	Finalizing Assessment	Await decision	Total
Eastern Cape	17	50	25	0	92
Free State	39	35	20	1	95
Gauteng	43	38	12	4	97
KwaZulu-Natal	6	33	10	0	49
Limpopo	52	24	125	0	201
Mpumalanga	266	30	31	1	328
Northern Cape	29	17	27	2	75
North West	123	38	40	0	201
Western Cape	121	10	57	0	188
Head Office	24	74	11	95	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1530</b>

- (2)(a) The year on which the application was made as depicted in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Year of application of water use licences in the Department

Provincial Operation	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Eastern Cape	0	11	8	26	30	17	92
Free State	0	16	16	22	41	0	95
Gauteng	3	12	23	15	43	1	97
KwaZulu-Natal	0	16	9	9	15	0	49
Limpopo	1	16	42	67	75	0	201
Mpumalanga	0	74	102	47	77	28	328
Northern Cape	0	2	13	23	28	9	75
North West	20	38	45	49	43	6	201
Western Cape	8	4	25	49	80	22	188
Head Office	96	67	27	13	1	0	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1530</b>

(2)(b) Reasons for delays in water use licence applications are:

- Outstanding information from applicants, mainly in a form of technical on site studies.
- Complexity of applications and volumes of supporting documents.
- Internal specialist inputs are intensive and hence the turnaround time is protracted.

(2)(c) The expected dates of completion of the water use licence application.

Table 3: Expected dates of completion of the water use licence applications per category

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of WULAs</b>	<b>Expected date of completion</b>
Initial Assessment	720	30-Mar-16
Outstanding Information	349	30-Dec-15
Finalizing Assessment	358	31-Oct-15
Await decision	103	30-Sep-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1530</b>	

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