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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3089 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: 26/8/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 30.08.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 3089

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3089. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What (a) are the most prevalent water weeds found in the Umdloti River in KwaZulu-Natal, (b) percentage coverage do the specified water weeds have and (c) effect has the weeds had on the siltation levels of the specified river and its impoundments?

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REPLY:

- (a) The most prevalent water weeds found in the Umdloti River are Water Lettuce and Hyacinth.
- (b) Upstream from the Hazelmere Dam the prevalence is negligible, whereas on the downstream portion the coverage of Water Lettuce is approximately 50% and that of Hyacinth is about 30%.
- (c) The impact of the aquatic weed has very little to insignificant impact, especially since it is controlled.

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