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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**


**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3225 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 11/9/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 02.09.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3225

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**3225. Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) With regard to the War on Leaks programme, (a) how many of the 3 000 persons to be trained in the 2015-16 financial year have started their training and (b) when will they start working;
- (2) how many of the (a) 15 000 in total and (b) 3 000 to be trained in the 2015-16 financial year will be trained as (i) water agents, (ii) artisans and (iii) plumbers;
- (3) (a) at which institutions will the 15 000 unemployed young people receive training and (b) what type of qualification will they receive;
- (4) how will the training of the 15 000 persons be financed over the next three financial years;
- (5) whether, beside the War on Leaks programme and the appointment of Rand Water as the implementing agent, her department has any other plans or programmes to curb the high level of water losses in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) A total of 800 persons have started receiving training in July 2015 and as from September a further 2200 persons will start receiving training.
- (1)(b) The trained persons will start working after completion of their 36 months / 3 years training programme. Water Agents that will be trained will complete their training after ten months and could start working thereafter.
- (2)(a) Below is the breakdown of the 15000 to be trained in the financial year 2015-16:

15000			
Trades and quantities	Plumbers	Artisans	Water agent
	7500	5000	2500

- (2)(b) Below is the breakdown of the 3000 to be trained in the financial year 2015-16:

3000 Phase 1 FY – 2015/16			
Trades and quantities	Plumbers	Artisans	Water agent
	1500	1000	500

- (3)(a) The unemployed young people will be trained at various EWSETA accredited training institutions, TVETS (Technical Vocational Education and Training), municipalities and water boards in the nine provinces.
- (3)(b) Artisans will be trade tested Artisans at the end of the training period, Water Agents will receive a qualification that is comprised of unit standard bearing credits to enable them to build up this basic qualification into a higher qualification. Plumbers will receive formal plumber qualifications from the respective accreditation bodies such as Vulindlela Trade Test Centre.
- (4) My Department will fund this project over the 5 year project period through the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).
- (5) Yes, my Department has other plans to curb the high level of water losses in the country. There are initiatives such as the following:
  - (a) The “No Drop” regulatory programme, which serves as a guideline for municipalities to develop strategies, plans to reduce water demand, water losses and non revenue water.
  - (b) Campaigns to educate the public on the scarcity of water and also to encourage water conservation and demand management.
  - (c) Training programme for councilors to institutionalise water conservation and demand management within the municipalities.
  - (d) Municipal Self-Assessment System, which the municipalities use to conduct self-assessment in various areas including water conservation and demand management.

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