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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3486 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: 27/9/15

DRAFT, REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 05.10.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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3486. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 2727 on 31 August 2015 regarding the building demolition cost of R6 282 853, (a) which buildings were demolished, (b) what was the reason for demolishing each of the specified buildings, (c) when was each specified building demolished and (d) what is the name of the company that demolished each of the specified buildings;
- (2) (a) what is meant by land matters, (b) what are the relevant details of the breakdown of the R11 815 024 that was spent on the specified land matters and (c) who were the recipients of each specified amount;
- (3) whether her department has taken any steps to date to dredge the Hazelmere Dam of the silt build-up in an effort to restore the storage capacity of the specified dam in anticipation of rainfall; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

(1)(a) The following buildings were demolished:

- Boys' hostel
- · dining hall and Dormitories
- Green house
- Fruit room
- Garage and carport
- Music room
- Outside rooms
- Prayer room
- Guard house
- Store room
- Workshop and storerooms
- 2x dwellings
- Garage and rooms.

Other activities under this contract included:

- · Protection of existing graves
- Construction of a memorial monument
- Termination and the moving of underground services; sewer, water and electricity
- Construction of new sewer septic tanks and laving of sewer pipe lines
- · Decommissioning and demolishing of existing sewer septic tanks and
- Upgrading of the existing alternative access road

- (1)(b) The buildings were affected by the raising of the dam wall and were within the dam boundary line.
- (1)(c) The buildings were demolished during the contract period, start date 02 February to end date November 2013.
- (1)(d) All buildings were demolished by NCG Oosthuizen Investment CC.
- (2)(a) All issues related to acquisition of land by my Department.
- (2)(b) A review of the cost revealed the changed total as shown in the Table below:

RECIPIENTS	DETAIL BREAKDOWN EXPENDITURE ON LAND MATTERS (excl. VAT)
Valuator - Turnover Trading 243	R 1 232 758
Land Surveyor - Button & O'Connor INC	R 96 802
Expropriation of properties:	
Oakford Priory Investments (PTY)	R 10 523 000
Roman Catholic Mission	R 92 447
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	R 11 945 007

(3) My Department did not commence any dredging at Hazelmere as yet. This would be a process to be considered once a dam basin management analyses indicates this to be an economic viable operations option. Continued silt survey records indicated sections of the basin to be prone to sedimentation but this is to be mitigated by the raising of the dam wall.

My Department is in the process of developing dam basin management protocols that will guide on siltation prevention operations as well as dredging where determined as viable.

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