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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 357 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 11/3/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 08.03.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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357. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether she has taken any steps to stop the flow of sewage out of manholes in Modimolle, Limpopo, into the Nylsvley wetlands; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will she take steps in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she will consider taking action against the responsible municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what action will be taken? NW385E

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REPLY:

- (1) The flow of sewage from the manholes was caused by backflow from the inlet works due to non functioning of the screw pumps. The overflowing manholes are situated 22 km away from the Nylsvley wetlands. Therefore the Nylsvley wetland was not affected by the overflow. The Modimolle Local Municipality has installed standby pumps as a temporary measure to address the sewage overflows from the manholes. Furthermore, the contractor appointed by Municipality is currently on site upgrading the wastewater treatment works from its 3.5Ml/d capacity to 6.5 Ml/d, as well as fixing the two screw pumps. The project is anticipated to be completed by December 2015.
- (2) To date two Directives dated 22 April 2014 and 21 August 2014 have been issued to the municipality. Following such directives issued, the municipality complied by unblocking overflowing manholes and installing standby pump at the inlet works.

Currently, the overflowing of manholes and pollution caused by the sewage spillage has stopped, however the Department is conducting a regular monthly inspections to monitor the functioning of the wastewater treatment works.

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