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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 359 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) is attached for your consideration.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 1/3/15

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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

DATE: 03.03.15



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#### QUESTION NO 359

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#### **359. Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether her department will assist the Mookgophong Municipality with (a) upgrading the municipality's 14 boreholes, (b) maintaining the Frikkie Geysers Dam infrastructure, (c) replacing the dilapidated borehole pipeline, (d) training appropriate staff at the water plant and (e) repairing the burst bulk water main; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether she will take action against the Municipality for polluting the Nylvlei River; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW387E

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#### **REPLY:**

- (a) Yes, the Department of Water and Sanitation (the Department) has been assisting the Mookgophong Municipality with the equipping of boreholes at Nyl well field. The Department will further assist the municipality with the upgrading of Nyl well field, by drilling and equipping seven boreholes through the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant, which will augment water supply to Mookgophong residents. The project will be implemented during the 2015/16 financial year.
- (b) Yes, the Department has already assisted the municipality by installing two submersible pumps at Frikkie Geysers Dam.
- (c) Yes, the Department has completed the project design to replace 11 kilometers of the 315mm diameter asbestos bulk water pipe lines through Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme. The construction phase of the project will be implemented in the 2015/16 financial year.
- (d) Yes, the Department has trained 9 pump operators in 2011/12 financial year. Subsequently to that, the municipality has submitted training needs to their Human Resource to train 21 pump operators in 2015/16 financial year.
- (e) No, the Municipality has appointed a contractor through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), to replace the 250mm diameter asbestos bulk pipes with 355mm diameter Unplasticised Poly Vinyl Chloride (Upvc) pipes from Frikkie Geysers Dam to the water purification works. The total length of the pipe is 6.9 kilometers. The first phase of the project is 2.3 kilometers which will be completed in April 2015 and the second phase which is 4.6 kilometers will be implemented in 2015/16 financial year.

- (2) Yes, a Pre-Directive was issued to the Municipality on 15 July 2014 for polluting the Nylvlei River to which the Municipality responded on 25 July 2014 with an action plan towards resolving the pollution. Ongoing monitoring is being conducted to ensure that the action plan is implemented to prevent the recurrence of the pollution.

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