



## water & sanitation

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3914 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:** 8/11/15

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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

**DATE:** 18.11.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3914

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**3914. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

With reference to the declaration of the province of KwaZulu-Natal as a disaster area on 30 October 2015, (a) what are the relevant details of the allocation of drought-relief assistance that will immediately be made available to provide drought relief to drought-stricken areas in the province and (b) what are the relevant details of any other departmental strategies that are in place to provide assistance to municipalities in the province which are struggling to provide relief because of a scarcity of resources?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) In December 2014, the Department of Water and Sanitation made an allocation of R354.2 million to assist with the mitigation of the impacts of the drought in KwaZulu-Natal. Additional funding has been made available (refer to the latest detailed Drought Intervention Budgets allocations attached as **Appendix1**).
- (b) In November 2015, the Honourable Premier declared a Provincial State of Disaster due to the impacts of the drought in nine (9) of the ten (10) District Municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal. In terms of the Disaster Management Act, the Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) is responsible for the overall disaster management.

My Department's strategy includes the following:

- The implementation of drought operating rules for ten (10) water supply schemes in KwaZulu-Natal. Drought operating rules are scientific tools used as a guide to manage the water resource(s) to protect it from failure by restricting water used during low flows in order to ensure that the water supply for essential water users e.g. basic human consumption can always be met. My Department gazetted water restrictions on 3 July 2015 and is monitoring the success of the restrictions and assisting with the development of alternative augmentation options where necessary.
- Ensuring System and District level Joint Operations Committees are established and regular meetings held in order to determine the necessary drought interventions and monitor the implementation thereof.
- Assisting the Water Services Authorities and Water Boards in the provision of water through the reprioritisation of R502 million for drought intervention projects.
- Assisting the Water Services Authorities with the provision of water through the supply and operation of 45 water tankers.
- Assisting the Department of CoGTA with the evaluation of water services authority intervention plans for inclusion into a Provincial Business Plan for the application to the National Disaster Management Centre for additional support.

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## Appendix 1: Drought Intervention Budgets

SUB-PROJECTS	Budget
<b>⊖ HARRY GWALA</b>	<b>R 23 312 279.20</b>
Boreholes	R 3 550 000.00
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 9 800 000.00
Spring protection	R 5 100 000.00
Water tanks	R 400 000.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 4 462 279.20
<b>⊖ ILEMBE</b>	<b>R 39 393 279.20</b>
Boreholes	R 2 250 000.00
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 3 199 000.00
Spring protection	R 837 000.00
Water Tanker Rental	R 20 303 000.00
Water tanks	R 4 724 000.00
Ops	R 3 618 000.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 4 462 279.20
<b>⊖ UMKHANYAKUDE</b>	<b>R 112 811 395.00</b>
Boreholes	R 17 101 900.00
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 51 746 827.00
Water tanks	R 2 000 000.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 22 311 396.00
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 19 651 272.00
<b>⊖ UMZINYATHI</b>	<b>R 79 920 224.00</b>
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 24 845 000.00
Water Tanker Rental	R 6 555 000.00
Phase 2-Drought Interventions	R 9 019 224.00
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 39 501 000.00
<b>⊖ UGU</b>	<b>R 31 913 122.20</b>
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 8 340 000.00
Spring protection	R 2 500 000.00
Water tanks	R 2 160 000.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 11 899 411.20
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 7 013 711.00
<b>⊖ UTHUNGULU</b>	<b>R 46 038 213.80</b>
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 24 690 884.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 10 411 984.80
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 10 935 345.00
<b>⊖ ZULULAND</b>	<b>R 39 693 000.00</b>
Boreholes	R 11 550 000.00
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 19 700 000.00
Spring protection	R 4 320 000.00
Water Tanker Rental	R 4 123 000.00
<b>⊖ UMGUNGUNDLOVU</b>	<b>R 25 000 000.00</b>
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 25 000 000.00
<b>⊖ UTHUKELA</b>	<b>R 23 503 197.60</b>
Boreholes	R 7 558 200.00
Refurbishment & Upgrade	R 1 162 800.00
Spring protection	R 1 395 360.00
NWRI Water Tanker Procurement	R 13 386 837.60
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	
<b>⊖ AMAJUBA</b>	<b>R 10 500 000.00</b>
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 8 970 000.00
Phase 2-Water Tanks	R 1 530 000.00
<b>⊖ UMGENI WATER</b>	<b>R 56 847 971.00</b>
Phase 2- Umgeni Water Emergency Schemes	R 56 847 971.00
<b>⊖ PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>R 4 388 868.09</b>
Programme Management	R 4 388 868.09
<b>⊖ MHLATHUZE WATER</b>	<b>R 8 982 876.24</b>
Phase 2-Interim Water Tankering	R 8 982 876.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>R 502 304 426.33</b>

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