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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 401 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 9/7/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 10.03.15

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401. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has begun to make progress on the 10-year plan announced on 16 April 2012 by the former Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Ms Edna Molewa, to invest over R570 billion to pay for water resources infrastructure, water services and water conservation and demand management across national government departments, municipalities and the country's existing 12 water boards; if not, why not; if so, what investments were being made to ensure that water supplies were guaranteed to function without major mishaps and collapse;
- (2) whether she will make a statement on clean, stable and adequate water supply for the country over the next decade? NW476E

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, there is significant progress. The budget and grant allocations for water is used on development of water resources and refurbishment of aged water infrastructure. Comprehensive water services master plans are being developed for each priority District Municipality.

The Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant are the main programmes that are rolled out to accelerate water services. The Department in collaboration with National Government Departments, Municipalities and the country's existing 12 Water Boards is rolling out Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WCWDM) Programme. The War on Leaks is the main sub programme of Water Conservation and WCWDM which aims at fixing the water leaks while creating employment for youth.
- (2) A target of 90% reliable services by 2019 has been set by Cabinet. This implies that, the need to have adequate water supply over the next decade and beyond is already receiving our outmost attention and I will continue reminding South Africans to use water efficiently.

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